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MARCH STOLEN?

CANTON OVERTURES TO PEKING.

COUNTRY-WIDE ARMISTICE

Nationalists Occupy Nanking British Consulate.

PEKING FORCES THREATEN NORTHERN COUNTER-ATTACK.

While the Nationalist Government at Nanking is going ahead with its stabilisation plans its opponents in Canton and elsewhere have, according to a report, suggested to the Peking Government a country-wide armistice to be followed by a representative national conference.

Before such news can be denied or confirmed, it is learned that Nationalist troops in two Yangtze ports—several hundreds of miles apart—have occupied the British Consulate in one instance, and made a gesture towards taking over British buildings in the other. Protests have been made by the Consular representatives concerned.

War reports indicate a further advance by the Nationalists on Ichang, on the upper Yangtze. In North China, the Nationalist allies have been promised a counter-attack by the Peking forces.

ADVANCE ON ICHANG.

Mr. Pan Fu, the Premier of the Peking Government, is quoted by the "Kung Sheng Yat Po" as having stated that a representative of the Kwangsi military party which is in power at Canton and elsewhere and opposes Chiang Kai-shek, has expressed a wish for a national armistice to pave the way for a peace conference of nationals.

In the sphere of Canton politics, trouble is brewing between the provincial Kuomintang and the city Kuomintang. The provincial organisation supports General Li Chai-sum and the city organisation is unfavourable. However, the former has more strength and power.

Nationalist Conference.

Shanghai, Yesterday.

A preparatory meeting for the fourth plenary session of the Nationalist Party executive was held yesterday at Nanking when it was decided that twenty-five members of the Kuomintang Central Executive Committee were sufficient to form a quorum.—British Naval Wireless.

PLANES FOR CANTON.

History of Air Arm Since 1921.

Shanghai, Yesterday.

It is reliably reported from Canton that fourteen aeroplanes of French manufacture will be shortly arriving there for General Li Chai-sum, the head of the Kwangsi military faction now in power there.—Reuter.

(Note: Curtis' planes began to appear in Canton's fighting strength in 1921. Subsequently baby scouting machines were bought by subscriptions of Chinese abroad and presented to the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen. What remained of the Canton air force after Chiang Kai-shek began his anti-northern expedition has been negligible. The aerodrome is at Taishan, the larger of the two sandbank-islands off the East Bund, near the Canton-Kowloon Railway terminus.)

COUNTER-ATTACK.

Peking Generals Decide About Kuominchun.

Decisions by councils of war among the Peking Generals are that a counter-offensive must be launched immediately against the "Christian Generals" Kuominchun, which is allied to the Nationalists.

Overnight cables speak of fighting in the south of Chihli province, around Taming, which is less than 300 miles south of Peking. Troop movements are reported in Honan, the province from which the "Christian Gen-

GEN. DUNCAN HERE.

Guest at Headquarters To-night.

DRIVE ROUND THE ISLAND.

Sails For Home To-morrow On "Malwa."

Major-General Sir John Duncan, who has just relinquished his post as General Officer Commanding the British Shanghai Defence Force, is in Hong Kong to-day, with Lady Duncan and Miss Duncan.

The distinguished party arrived from Shanghai early this morning on board the P. & O. s.s. "Malwa." General Duncan is, of course, bound for Home where he has been appointed to an important command. The "Malwa" leaves to-morrow at noon.

This morning the General and his family attended the memorial service to Earl Haig at the Cathedral where he was in mufti. He was host at tiffin to-day to a number of friends.

Due With H.E. and G.O.C.

Because Sir John is now out of his command and is travelling unofficially, he is not being entertained officially. However, he will be the guest of H.E. the General Officer Commanding in South China (Major-General C. C. Luard) at the General's House to-night.

The "China Mail" understands that H.E. the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi) will also be present at to-night's dinner, accompanied by his A.D.C., Captain A. J. L. Whyte.

This afternoon, Sir John will go on a drive around the island of Hong Kong. He will re-embark unofficially to-morrow.

DAMAGES CLAIM.

MR. LESLIE HAYNES AS DEFENDANT.

DETENTION ALLEGED.

Mr. L. E. Haynes appeared as one of three defendants in a case which was "called" at the weekly case-fixing session at the Summary Court this morning before Mr. Justice J. R. Wood.

The case was one in which Pang Chai-sun (alias Shuen Shio-fung) and Leslie Haynes (all of 6 Queen's Road Central) for \$1,000 damages for false imprisonment.

When the case was "called," Mr. Arculli answered for plaintiff.

The three defendants also appeared and Mr. Haynes, who had a copy of the local Ordinances with him, stated that he had an application to make.

His Honour: You wish to dispute the claim?

Mr. Haynes: Unquestionably, my Lord. My application is under Section 15 of the Ordinance for the production of pleadings.

Mr. Arculli maintained that it was never the practice to supply pleadings in Summary cases. Particulars were generally asked for.

Mr. Arculli also added that he would like to know whether Mr. Haynes appeared on behalf of the other defendants.

Mr. Haynes: No, or the others would not have come.

His Honour: We can only hear Mr. Haynes on his own behalf.

One of the other defendants here interposed: I wasn't even there at the time.

Mr. Haynes adhered to his point with regard to pleadings and His Honour commented that he saw no reason why he should not be supplied with them.

Mr. Arculli was instructed to supply them and it was indicated to Mr. Haynes that he would be expected to file a statement of defence after receipt of pleadings.

The case was adjourned until March 2.

era" is operating against the Peking Government's territory.

Hard Up, Though.

Peking, Yesterday.

The reaction of the Fengpiao to Peking's efforts to raise a large war fund in Manchuria has been a steady decline.

Last Novem. the rate of exchange was 100 yen to 1,000 Fengpiao. Before China New Year the rate had fallen to 2,500 Fengpiao, while the latest quote

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SIMON COMMISSION.

Futility of Boycott Policy.

VICEROY'S ADDRESS.

Most Momentous Session Of Indian Legislature Opened.

New Delhi, Yesterday.

The futility of boycotting the Simon Commission which will arrive in Bombay to-morrow is emphasised in an eloquent speech by the Viceroy in addressing the two Houses of Legislature at the opening of the session.



SIR JOHN SIMON

ing of what is bound to prove the most momentous session. The public gallery was crowded.

The Viceroy declared the accusations that the Commission amounted to a deliberate insult were merely the products of heated imaginations and a boycott policy at its best, would only lead to dis-



Lord Irwin, the Viceroy.

appointment and, at its worst, to consequences with which India unhappily was not without experience in the past.

He pleaded with India not to mistake the path at one of the cross-roads of her destiny.

The speech was greeted with loud applause. Forty-seven Swrajists were absent.—Reuter.

CONSERVATIVE WIN.

RESULT OF BRISTOL BY-ELECTION.

London, Yesterday.

The result of the Bristol West By-Election, caused by the raising to the Peerage of Colonel Gibbs was a victory for the Conservative, Mr. C. T. Culverwell with 18,970 votes. The Labour-Lady Charles Annand obtained 7,702 votes and the Liberal, Mr. W. N. Alden, 4,000 votes.—Reuter.

DULL WEATHER.

North east winds, moderate, overcast, is the official weather forecast until noon to-morrow.

SEVERE PENALTY.

Hungarian Writer's Disgrace.

LOUIS HATVANY.

Sentenced For Damaging His Country's Name Abroad.

Budapest, Yesterday.

Louis Hatvany, the famous writer and politician, was sentenced after a one-day trial to seven years' imprisonment, a fine of \$500, the payment of the costs of the prosecution and loss of political rights for ten years.

These drastic penalties were inflicted in consequence of writings criticising the "White regime" in Hungary while in exile after the downfall of the Communist regime. On return from exile Hatvany was arrested and tried on a charge of damaging the good name of Hungary abroad.—Reuter.

CIVIL SERVANTS.

INQUIRY BOARD AT WORK.

London, Yesterday.

The Civil Servants Inquiry Board has held its first meeting and discussed the question of proceeding. A considerable number of witnesses will be examined, but will not be required to give evidence on oath as the tribunal is not a judicial body. The proceedings will be private.—Reuter.

ST. MARGARET MARY.

MAGNIFICENT NEW ORGAN "OPENED."

The new organ at St. Margaret Mary's Church, Broadwood Road, Happy Valley, which was built by Mr. Blackett, was "opened" yesterday evening after Benediction.

His Lordship Bishop Victoria blessed both the new organ and a new clock located above the entrance of the Church in the presence of a large gathering which included the Italian Consul Comdr. Carrara, Mr. G. P. de Martin, Mr. C. Macnamara, Mr. J. P. Braga, Mr. J. P. Sherry and Mr. W. Gardner, Sr.

After the blessing ceremony, Rev. Father Riganti gave an organ recital which lasted about an hour, and the excellent music was greatly enjoyed by all present.

The pieces played included selections from the works of L. Couperin, Di Zupoli, G. B. Martini, P. Dentella, Alex. Guilmette, J. Pagella, E. Bottigliero and G. B. Campodonico.

At the conclusion the British, Italian, French and Portuguese National Anthems were played.

PRETTY ENVELOPE.

WHY A BOY OPENED A LETTER.

Before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning, Dr. (Mrs.) Leung Yik-kwan, the daughter of Mr. Leung Yik-tung, charged her step-son, Leung To-sang, aged 12 years, with stealing two registered letters, unlawfully retaining and opening one of the letters.

Mr. Lo Hin-shing appeared for the prosecution, whilst the defendant was represented by Mr. A. E. Hall.

After hearing the evidence, the Magistrate found that he could not convict on the charges of stealing and unlawfully retaining.

On the charge of unlawfully opening, Mr. Hall said that the boy admitted that he opened it because he wanted the red envelope. It was a very trivial matter which could have been settled privately. The prosecution, Mr. Hall said, was ridiculous.

Mr. Lindsell decided to fine the boy \$25.

SERGEANT McMAHON.

Police Sergeant McMahon who was wounded on the night of December 7, when a picket under his charge was shot at by a quartette of Chinese gunmen, has gone back to the Government Civil Hospital for further attention after doing duty for about ten days as assistant Court Sergeant at the Central Magistracy. It is understood that some minor complications had set in, and his condition is not serious.

According to the "Kung Sheng Yat Po," seventeen Chinese piece goods dealers at Canton city have failed since Chinese New Year, and further restrictions have been placed by the authorities on members of the inland steamer employees' union.

LATE EARL HAIG.

An Impressive Cathedral Ceremony.

THE BISHOP'S TRIBUTE.

Distinguished Visitor Among Notables Present.

A most impressive Memorial Service in commemoration of Field Marshal Earl Haig of Bemerystede was held at St. John's Cathedral this morning, attended by representatives of H.M. Forces, officials of the Government and the general public in large numbers.

An inspiring address was given by the Bishop of Victoria, the Rt. Rev. C. H. Duppuy, D.D.

Among those present were H. E. the Governor, Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G., (accompanied by Capt. Kewster and Capt. A. J. Whyte, A.D.C.), Major-General Sir John Duncan, General Officer Commanding Shanghai Defence Force (passing through the Colony), Lady and Miss Duncan, H.E. Major-General C. C. Luard, C.B., C.M.G., and Mrs. Luard; Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., Sir Joseph Kemp, K.C., the Hon. Mr. C. McL. Messer, the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, the Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, the Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes, Col. C. Russell Brown, Lt. Col. T. A. Robertson and Mr. D. W. Tratman.

There were present detachments of the Scots Guards (under Sir Victor Mackenzie), the Queen's Regiment (under Lt. Col. Clarke), R.A.F. (under Group Capt. Robertson), Royal Artillery (under Lt. Col. T. A. F. Robinson), Royal Engineers, R.A.S.C., R.A.O.C., R.A.M.C., Royal Corps of Signals and the Hong Kong Police (under Mr. L. H. V. Booth, A.S.P.). The march to the Cathedral was headed by the band of the Queen's.

Detachments from H.M. ships in port were present under Capt. Hallifax of H.M.S. "Carlisle" and Capt. Palmer of H.M.S. "Argus."

His Old School.

Representatives of Earl Haig's old school were present in the persons of Major-General Luard, Mr. D. W. Tratman, Mr. F. A. Perry, Mr. R. J. Birbeck and Mr. R. H. Hollis, representing the Old Cliftonian Society.

Representatives of the British Legion and Ex-Active Service Men's Association were present (under Lt. Col. F. Hayley Bell), also of the Girl Guides and Rangers under Lady Stuart-Taylor and Mrs. Remington.

The clergy taking part in the procession and service, in addition to the Bishop, were the Very Rev. A. Swann, D.S.C., and the Revs. N. V. Hayward, M.C., W. R. Cannell, G. E. S. Upsdell, T. Waldegrave, C. B. Shann, G. W. Rogers, L. Webb (C.F.), G. F. Stopford and H. V. Koop, Assistant Chaplain.

Following the special service, the Dead March in "Saul" was played on the organ by Mr. F. Mason and the Last Post and Reveille were sounded by buglers from the Scots Guards.

The Bishop's Address.

The Bishop took as his text: Philippians III 20—"Our citizenship is in heaven" and spoke as follows: "A muscle of his heart grew tired, we are told, and one who has been for years a household name to us all is no longer with us."

We are met to-day to pay our tribute to the memory of a very gallant gentleman—our individual tribute of respect and affection, the grateful tribute of this Colony, the proud tribute of the Service to which many of you belong and to which many more of us had the honour for a time to belong.

Earl Haig was a great leader of men, chosen out to be a foremost leader in an hour of appalling crisis in human history. He never flinched. With utter devotion and disregard of self he gave himself up to his task. The style is the man, and in the famous message flashed out in the dark hours of 1918 we see laid bare the spirit of the man himself.

"There must be no retirement. With our backs to the wall each one of us must fight on to the end. The safety of our homes and the freedom of mankind depend on the conduct of each one of us at this critical moment."

Leader & Friend.

An as Earl Haig was a great leader of men so also he was a great friend of the men he led; and he stuck to them to the end. When the strife was over he gave himself up to their service—to the cause of the blinded, the maimed, the unemployed, the widows, to the building up of Jerusalem in England's green and pleasant land. And he died in the doing of it. There is a sense in which he failed in his great after war task. And the life of every great man is from one point of view a failure; they see so much and there is so little they

WOMEN CHARGED.

Conspiracy Case In Dublin.

ALLEGED SEDITIOUS LIBELS.

Also Charged With Inciting Public To Murder.

London, Yesterday. Two women who refused to give their names, were charged at Dublin with conspiracy to publish criminal and seditious libels concerning the Governor-General, the Minister of Justice of the Free State and others; also to incite members of the public to murder the Governor-General or other persons.

They were remanded on bail of \$300 each.

The prosecution said the defendants were charged with posting on buildings documents which asked: "Who were the invincibles?" and stating they were the men who in 1882 executed two of England's officials.

The defendants appeared to be very amused while in Court.—Reuter.

TO ST. AND TRIAL.

EX-DICTATOR OF GREECE AT ATHENS.

Athens, Yesterday.

The Government has decided to try the ex-Dictator, Pangalos, who will be brought to Athens to present his defence.—Reuter.

seem able to do. It is only little men who are the really successful men and that is because they attempt too little.

He bequeathed his unfinished task to us and ten years after that famous "backs to the wall" message he who is this week laid to rest still speaks:—

"Every position must be held to the last man, there must be no retirement. With our backs to the wall, each one of us must fight on to the end."

In this world in which we live nothing that is second best will ever do; we must live true to the highest ideals we have seen; we must ever press on towards their attainment.

"On! to the bound of the waste; "On! to the city of God."

Comrades in Service.

As we pay proud homage to the memory of Earl Haig to-day, as we would find place our wreath on the Leader's open tomb; so once again our thoughts are irresistibly drawn to his comrades in service, to the graves of warriors unknown and known, to all those

"Valiant hearts who to their glory came

Through dust of conflict and through battle flame."

"Proudly you gathered, rank on rank, to war,

As who had heard God's message from afar;

All you had hoped for, all you had you gave

To save mankind—your lives you scorned to save."

If you have ever been to the Chapel of the Staff College at Camberley and seen on the walls there the names of so many who gave themselves in their country's service; and if you have stood beside the Kitcheners Memorial in the Chapel of All Souls in St. Paul's Cathedral, London, you will have had forced back upon you, the thought how great is the debt that still stands against us who are alive to-day, and how urgent is the call to press onward towards the accomplishment of our great unfinished task.

Never Forget.

And as we think of all those saviours who came not home to-night because themselves they could not save, we think also of a Cross that stood long years ago upon a lonely hill where

"In the frailty of our human clay

Christ, our Redeemer, passed the self same way."

We think of our Great Captain,

"Jesus whose lot with us was cast,

Who saw, it out from first to last."

Whom, though we had often forgotten, or very nearly, we could never quite forget out there in Flanders and Who we know never forgot us and Whose task in the world still remains unfinished, waiting for volunteers who will dedicate themselves to its accomplishment amongst men.

As we think of him and of the Leader whom we commemorate to-day, we cry:—

"O risen Lord! O Shepherd of our Dead!

Whose Cross has bought them

and Whose Staff has led—

In glorious hope their proud and sorrowing Land—

Commits her Children to thy gracious Hand. Amen.

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COMMERCE
AND
FINANCE.

OIL SHALE.

JAPANESE NAVY AND
MANCHURIA.

Mukden, Jan. 20.

After several years of experi-
menting, the establishment of a
large scale oil shale distillation
plant at Fushun has been decided
upon by the Directorate of the
South Manchuria Railway Co.
The plan presented to the direc-
torate for deliberation recom-
mended the erection, at a cost of
Yen 4,000,000, of forty furnaces,
each with a capacity of treating
60 tons of shale per day, corre-
sponding to an annual output of
25,000 tons of refined products
from 700,000 tons of shale distil-
led.

However, the economic feasi-
bility of the project having been
decisively proved, the directorate
boldly decided to double the scale
of the plant, thus increasing the
annual output to 50,000 tons. The
construction work is to be com-
pleted within two years at an
estimated cost of Yen 8,000,000.
The Japanese Navy has contract-
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vision being made against dump-
ing by foreign oil companies. This
scheme constitutes an impor-
tant step towards making the
Japanese Navy independent of
imported oil.

EXCHANGE.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

On London—

Bank wire 2/- 3/10

Bank 30 days' sight 2/- 3/10

Bank 4 months' sight 2/- 3/10

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On Paris—

On demand 1245

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On Berlin—

On demand 491

Credits 60 days' sight 502

On Bombay—

Wire 184

On Calcutta—

Wire 184

On demand 184

On Singapore—

On demand 86

On Manila—

On demand 991

On Shanghai—

10 days' sight (private
paper) 781

On Yokohama—

On demand 1041

Gold Leaf, 100 fine

(per tael) 100

Sovereigns (Bank's
buying rate) 9.00

Silver (per oz) 26 3/16

Bar Silver in Hong

Kong 2% prem.

Chinese Copper Cash nom.

Chinese Copper Cents 6% prem

Rate of Native In-

terest 7% p.a.

Chinese Sub. Coin 2% dis.

Hong Kong Sub. Coin 1/4% dis.

LONDON EXCHANGES.

London, Yesterday.

Paris 124

New York 4.87 9/32

Brussels 84.98

Geneva 25.324

BLAST FURNACE.

MANCHURIAN RAILWAY
ADDITION.

Mukden, Jan. 20.

The South Manchuria Railway
Co. has decided to construct a new
blast-furnace unit, with a daily
capacity of 500 tons, at Anshan,
in addition to the two units of 800 tons
capacity already in operation. The
cost of construction for the new
furnace is estimated at Y.2,500,000,
while another Y.2,500,000 will be
expended for other auxiliary equip-
ment. On completion of this new
extension scheme the capacity of
the whole plant will be raised from
200,000 tons to 850,000 tons of pig
iron annually. The ore concentra-
tion process having now been per-
fected, the output of iron ore will
also be considerably increased and
the surplus exported to Japanese
steel works, which of late years have
suffered from shortage of this raw
material owing to the stoppage at
the iron mines in the Yangtze
Valley.

SHARE MARKET.

Stock.

T.T. on London 2/1 1/4

T.T. on Shanghai 78 1/4

Hongkong Bank \$1200 b

do. Lon. Reg. \$121 1/2 n

Chartered Bank \$21 1/2 n

Mercantile A. & C. \$32 1/2 n

P & O Bank \$10 n

Bank of East Asia \$73 1/2 n

Insurance:

Canton Insurance \$800 b 610 sa

Union Insurance \$300 n

North China Insurance \$143 n

Yangtze Insurance \$540 1/2 n

China Underwriters \$215 b 23 1/2 sa

China Fire Insurance \$215 n

H.K. Fire Insurance \$680 n

Shipping:

Douglases \$40 1/2 n

H.K. Steamships \$23 1/2 n

H.K. Tugs & Lighters \$24 1/2 n

Indo-China (Pref.) \$36 n

do. (Def.) \$40 n

Shell Transports \$57 n

Water-Boats \$18 1/2 b 18 1/2 sa

Mining:

Bonguets \$2 1/2 n

Kailan Mining Ad. \$2 1/2 n

Langkats (Combined) \$18 1/2 n

do. (Single) \$10 n

Shanghai Explorations \$2.85 n

Shanghai Loans \$9.10 n

Rongsheng \$4 1/2 n

Tonghai Mines \$17 1/2 n

Docks, Wharves,
Godowns, &c.

H.K. & W. Wharves \$134 b 184 1/2 sa

H.K. & W. Docks \$48 b 45 sa

China Providents \$9 1/2 n

Hongkongs \$183 n

New Engineering \$5 n

Shanghai Docks \$97 n

Cotton Mills:

Ewo Cottons \$7.90 sa

Oriental Cotton \$23 n

Shih Cottons (Old) \$23 n

do. (New) \$22 1/2 n

Lands, Hotels & Bldgs.

H.K. & S. Hotels \$8.40 s & sa

Hongkong Lands \$65 n

Shanghai Lands \$1.35 n

Humphreys Estates \$15 1/2 n

Hongkong Realities \$8.60 n

H.K. Territorials \$11 1/2 n

Prince's Buildings \$28 1/2 n

Public Utilities:

H.K. Tramways \$28 1/2 b 27 1/2 sa

Peak Trams (old) \$14 n

do. (new) \$6 1/2 n

Star Ferries \$88 n

China Lights (comb.) \$17 n

do. (old) \$12 n

do. (new) \$33 1/2 b 9 sa

H.K. Electric \$64 n

Macao Electric \$4.45 n

H.K. Telephones \$7.65 n

China Buses \$11/9 n

Singapore Tractors \$11/9 n

Industries:

China Sugars \$9.35 b 9 1/2 sa

Malayan Sugars \$27 1/2 n

Canton Ice \$3 1/2 n

Cements (comb.) \$11.70 n

do. (old) \$10 n

do. (new) \$9 1/2 b & sa

H.K. Ropes (old) \$3 1/2 n

do. (new) \$10 n

United Asbestos
Stores, &c.

Dairy Farms \$19 1/2 n

Watsons \$12 1/2 n

Der A. Wings \$3.60 n

Lan & Crawford \$22 n

Sincere \$9 n

Wm. Powells \$5 n

Miscellaneous:

H.K. Amusements \$27 n

H.K. Concessions \$1 1/2 n

B. Ind. G. Bonds 60% n

E. K. Govt. Loans 5% Prem. b

CHINESE IN MANILA.

Cham Samco, general manager of
the Cham Samco Sons and Co., a
large Chinese firm, was elected
president of the Chinese Hardware
Merchants' Association of Manila, at
a recent meeting of that organization.
Mariano Uy-chaco, of the Mariano
Uy-chaco Sons and Co., was named
vice-president, and the two, with
the other officers, will head the asso-
ciation this year.
Uy Tit, of Uy Tit and Co., is the
now treasurer; while Charles C.
Akuna, another well-known hard-
ware man, will act as the associa-
tion's secretary.
The board of directors is com-
posed of the following:—Liu Siang-
tok, Co Lu-soo, Charles C. Shiu,
Choa Tek-hoo, Ong Yet-mua, and
Yu Chi-ung.

Mr. R. Guy Wilkerson, secretary
of the Hong Kong Telephone Co.,
Ltd., has resigned and will proceed
to Europe in the near future.

WORLD'S GOLD.

WARNING FROM ROYAL MINT
COMPTROLLER.

"Unless we are prepared to
face a prolonged fall in commodi-
ty prices, it is imperative to
economise gold, both in regard to
its use as a commodity and to its
use as money," says the Deputy
Master and Comptroller of the
Royal Mint (Colonel Robert A.
Johnson).

"Reviewing present ten-
dencies," he says, "it may perhaps
be safely said that the sugges-
tions for the distodgment of gold
as the basis of the world's cur-
rency, whether sound or unsound
in theory, are not likely to be put
into practice in the immediate
future."

Production Hampered.

"Gold, then, appears destined
to continue in usefulness as a
basis for international trade, and
that being so, it is not surprising
that, with the growing demand
consequent on the return to stabl-
lised conditions by one country
after another, the question of the
probable amount of the output of
the virgin metal in the immediate
future, a most important econo-
mic factor, should be widely dis-
cussed."

COTTON EXPORT.

AMALGAMATION OF HOUSES
PROJECT.

Manchester.—I learn that a big
amalgamation of Manchester cot-
ton export houses is contemplated,
and that early in the New Year
a public company with a capital
of approximately £2,000,000 will be
floated to finance the new enter-
prise. A dozen firms in the city,
all of the highest standing, are
concerned, and it is significant that
the largest of them are chiefly
engaged, though not exclusively, in
the South American trade. The
man who will probably accept the
chairmanship of the new syndicate
occupies a prominent position in
the commercial life of Manchester.
The amalgamation will be a tan-
gible step towards securing greater
efficiency in salesmanship and the
marketing of goods.

Expenses Exceed Receipts.
For the fifth year in succession
there was in 1926 an excess of
expenses over

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Mirrors, Dinner Wagon, Ice
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Mattresses, Wardrobes with
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Two Cottage Pianos

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One Victrola

Four Gramophones

One Underwood Typewriter

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Catalogues will be issued.

On View from Monday, the 6th
February 1928.

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LAMMERT BROS.,
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Hong Kong, 1st Feb., 1928.

UNCLAIMED TELEGRAMS.

THE EASTERN EXTENSION
AUSTRALASIA & CHINA
TELEGRAPH CO., LTD.

The following Unclaimed Tele-
grams are lying in the E. E.
Telegraph Co. office, Hong Kong:—
Dr. Early c/o G.P.O., from
Secunderabad.

Poole, s.s. "Tenyo Maru," from
Kulim.

E. A. LEGGATT,
Superintendent.
Hong Kong, 2nd February, 1928.

THE GREAT NORTHERN TELEGRAPH CO., LTD.

OF DENMARK.

The following unclaimed tele-
grams are lying at the office of the
Great Northern Telegraph Com-
pany (Limited) of Denmark:—
Yamakami, Tokio Hotel, from
Shanghai.

Gibbison, from Shanghai.
Dodwell, from Shanghai.
Daini, Atsuta Maru, Mitsui, from
Tokio.

Braky (2), from Yokohama.
Walker, care of Linstead, from
Kobe.

E. V. JESSEN,
Superintendent.
Hong Kong Station, January
26, 1928.

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HONGKONG HEIGHTS

For the information of visitors

the following list of some of the

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Mainland is published:—

Island. Feet.

Victoria Peak 1823

Signal Station 1774

Mt. Parker 1784

Mountain Lodge 1725

Sh. Eyrie 1725

Peak Hotel 1305

Taikoo Sanatorium 1000

Mt. Davis 877

Bowen Rd. (filterbeds) .. 297

Mainland.

Taimosnan 3124

Kowloon Peak 1971

NOTICES.

CONVITE.

A Comissao Directora e Mem-
bros do Clube de Recreio tem a
honra de convidar a Comunidade
Portuguesa desta colonia para as-
sistir a inauguracao do seu novo
edificio em King's Park, Kowloon,
no sabado, 4 do corrente, as 15-1/2
horas. Ao acto de inauguracao
presidira S. Exa o Sr. Governador
de Hong Kong, Sir Cecil Clementi,
K.C.M.G.

FRED A. XAVIER,
Secretario.

Kowloon, 3 de Fevereiro de 1928.

HONG KONG CRICKET CLUB.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

REMINDER.

ENTRIES CLOSE on SATUR-

DAY NEXT, 4th February, at

NOON.

Hong Kong, 1st February, 1928.

NAVY LEAGUE

(Hong Kong Branch.)

The Annual General Meeting of

the Navy League will be held on

Wednesday 8th February at 5.30

p.m. in the board room of Messrs.

Jardine Matheson & Co., Ltd. (by

kind perm ssion)

All members are cordially invit-

ed to attend.

L M WHYTE
Hon. Secretary

Hong Kong, February 1st 1928

HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING, 1928.

13th, 14th, 15th and 18th

February.

MEMBERS' BADGES.

Members' Badges of Admission

are now ready and may be obtain-

ed by those members who have not

already received them, from Messrs.

Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Build-

ings.

Members are reminded that these

Badges will also admit them to all

the Extra Race Meetings of this

year.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Members have the privilege of

introducing two non-members to the

Members' Enclosure.

A limited number of tickets are

available and may be obtained from

Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexan-

dra Buildings, on or before SATUR-

DAY, 11th February, 1928, at a cost

of \$10 each per day or \$30 for the

Meeting.

The charge for admission for

Ladies to the Members' Enclosure

will be \$4 per day. Each member

can obtain upon application to the

Secretary, badges for the admission

of two Ladies free of charge. On

no pretext will children be permit-

ted in either enclosure during the

first three days racing.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

Tickets of Admission to the

Public Enclosure, price \$8 per day

for all persons including Ladies, may

be purchased from Messrs. Kelly &

Walsh, Ltd., or at the Gate.

Soldiers' and Sailors' in uniform

admitted to the Public Enclosure at

\$1 per day.

Admission by ticket only.

Bookmakers, Tie Tac men, etc.,

will not be permitted to operate

within the precincts of the Hong

Kong Jockey Club during the Race

Meeting.

SERVANTS' PASSES.

Passes for Servants will be issued

on application to Messrs. Linstead

& Davis, Alexandra Buildings.

Employers are requested to dis-

tribute them with discrimination,

and to endorse their names on the

Passes.

Servants are not permitted in the

Members' Enclosure except for pass-

ing through on their duties, but

must remain in their employers' stands.

Any persons found loitering about

with Servants' Passes in their pos-

session will forfeit the same and

will be removed from the enclosure.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 30th January, 1928.

NOTICES.

HONG KONG AMUSEMENTS LIMITED.

LOST SCRIPT.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that
the Certificate for the following Pre-
ferred Ordinary Shares in the above
Company is alleged to have been
LOST, Namely, No. 141, representing
40 shares, Nos. 6506 to 6545, Regis-
tered in the Name of MONTAGUE
WHITE STEVENS.

Application has been made to the
Director for the Issue of a Duplicate
Certificate, and should No Objection
be Lodged with the Company within
Thirty Days from the Date hereof the
Application will be complied with,
subject to such Guarantees as may be
approved by the Directors.

CHAS. S. ROSSELET,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, Feb. 3rd, 1928.

THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the NINTH ORDINARY

MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

will be held at the Registered

Office of the Company, No. 10, Des

Voeux Road Central, on SATUR-

DAY, the 18th February, 1928, at

3.30 p.m. for the purpose of receiv-

ing a Statement of Accounts and

the Report of the Directors for the

year ending 31st December, 1927.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the

Company will be CLOSED from

SATURDAY, 11th February, 1928,

(both days inclusive) during which

period no transfer of shares can be

registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

KAN TONG PO,
Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 3rd February, 1928.

UNION WATERBOAT CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL

GENERAL MEETING OF

Shareholders will be held in the

Offices of Messrs. Dodwell Com-

pany, Limited, on TUESDAY, the

7th February, 1928, at 11 a.m. for

the purpose of receiving the report

of the General Managers together

with a Statement of Accounts to

31st December, 1927.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the

Company will be CLOSED from

the 30th January to 7th February,

1928, both dates inclusive.

DODWELL & COMPANY, LTD.,
General Managers.

Hong Kong, 21st January, 1928.

HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the ANNUAL ORDIN-

ARY GENERAL MEETING OF

Shareholders in this Company will

be held at the Hong Kong Hotel,

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*SIBERIA MARU (Calls Los Angeles) Tuesday, 6th March.
TAIYO MARU Tuesday, 20th March.
*Calls Keelung.
LONDON via Singapore, Suez, Marseilles & Ports.
KAMO MARU Saturday, 11th February.
KATORI MARU Saturday, 25th February.
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Ports.
MISHIMA MARU Wednesday, 22nd February.
TANGO MARU Wednesday, 21st March.
BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang, & Colombo.
*SEIYO MARU Thursday, 2nd February.
*OSAKA MARU Monday, 6th February.
TAMBA MARU Saturday, 11th February.
SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu, Los Angeles, Mexico & Panama.
GINYO MARU Monday, 6th February.
SOUTH AMERICA (East Coast) via Singapore, Cape Town & Ports.
KAWACHI MARU Wednesday, 28th February.
NEW YORK and/or BOSTON via PANAMA.
*TATSUNO MARU Thursday, 9th February.
LIVERPOOL via Singapore, Colombo, Port Said & Ports.
*DELAGOA MARU (Calls Saigon) Thursday, 9th February.
CALCUTTA via SINGAPORE, PENANG & RANGOON.
*PENANG MARU Saturday, 4th February.
*TOTTORI MARU Sunday, 12th February.
NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.
AKI MARU Friday, 17th February.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.
*TOKUSHIMA MARU (Mojil direct) Saturday, 4th February.
NAGATO MARU Saturday, 7th February.
*NAGATO MARU Wednesday, 8th February.
*AKITA MARU (Mojil direct) Saturday, 11th February.
HAKONE MARU Monday, 20th February.
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From Marseilles

SPHINX 15th Feb.
PORTIOS 29th Feb.
PAUL LECAT 14th Mar.
ATHOS II 28th Mar.

From Dunkirk, Antwerp, London

YALOU (Cargo) 25th Feb.
D. P. BENOT (Cargo) 24th Mar.

For Shanghai, Japan and North China

YALOU (Cargo) 25th Feb.
D. P. BENOT (Cargo) 24th Mar.

For Shanghai and Japan

SPHINX 15th Feb.
PORTIOS 29th Feb.
PAUL LECAT 14th Mar.
ATHOS II 28th Mar.

For Marseilles

*D'ARTAGNAN 14th Feb.
G. METZINGER 28th Feb.
SPHINX 13th Mar.
PAUL LECAT 10th Apr.

For Rotterdam, Hamburg, Dunkirk

LT. ST. LOUBERT BIE (Cargo) 4th Feb.

YANG TSE (Cargo) 1st week Mar.

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SHIPPING SECTION.

MARINE LAW.

SEAWORTHINESS QUESTION RAISED.

CAPT. ARTHUR'S EVIDENCE.

An interesting shipping case concerning the liability of ship owners in respect of cargo with particular reference to the seaworthiness of the ship was heard at the Summary Court yesterday when expert evidence was given by Capt. C. D. Arthur, c/o Carmichael and Clarke.

Messrs. Peng Hong-long sued Messrs. Kwang Ngun-seng, of 40 Bonham Strand, West, for \$749.08 damages to goods conveyed from Hong Kong to Bangkok by the s.s. "Hua Lee No. 1."

Mr. R. A. Wadson was for plaintiffs and Mr. D. L. Strellett for the defendants.

The evidence for the defence turned largely on the question of the seaworthiness of the vessel, Capt. Arthur, who made a survey of the ship being called and his expert evidence being of considerable assistance.

With regard to this particular ship, witness spoke of tests carried out which in his opinion did not show any unseaworthiness at all. He explained in detail the use of a collision bulkhead, emphasizing that absolute watertightness was not expected. If water got into the forepeak through some accident or peril of the sea it was not a sign of unseaworthiness of the ship but that some of the sea-water had got into the hold. This was a risk which shippers had to take and for which they were able to cover themselves by insurance.

After hearing evidence, His Honour reserved judgment.

CONSIGNEE'S NOTICES.

Consignees of Cargo ex M.S. "Java" are advised to take delivery of their goods which will be subject to rent after February 6.

Consignees of Cargo ex M.S. "Esquiline," are reminded to take delivery of their goods which will be subject to rent after February 7.

Consignees of Cargo ex s.s. "General Metzinger" are advised to send in claims to the Agent before February 10.

Consignees of Cargo ex s.s. "Yangtze" are reminded to send in claims to the Agent before February 10.

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S.S. "WEST TIGER" Mar. 17
S.S. "WEST FAIR-
LON" Apr. 1

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LOCAL SHIPPING.

TO-DAY'S ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

THIS MORNING'S LIST.

Chek Sung (1,470) British, from Canton, Jardine's—200 tons general cargo (through).
Szechuen (1,504) British, from Canton, B. & S.—400 tons general cargo (through).
Kweiyang (1,207) British, from Bangkok, B. & S.—4 passengers, 1,208 tons rice for Hong Kong.
Borneo (1,207) British, from Haiphong, Hoilow, Shun Tai & Co.—264 passengers, 710 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.
Yingchow (1,210) British, from Shanghai, Amoy, B. & S.—80 passengers, 520 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 250 tons general (through).
Cheong Shing (1,250) British, from Tonghai, Wei Hai Wei, Jardine's—2,420 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 408 tons general (through).
Khiva (5,000) British, from Bombay, Singapore, McKinnon, Mackenzie—4 passengers, 200 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 4,404 tons general (through).
Macedonia (5,007) British, from London, Singapore, McKinnon, Mackenzie—181 passengers, 105 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 637 tons general (through).
Tonkin (907) French, from Haiphong, M. M.—12 passengers, 200 tons general cargo, Hong Kong.
Esquiline (5,855) Italian, from Trieste, Singapore, Doddwell & Co.—23 passengers, 551 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 4,300 tons general (through).
Kaiyo Maru (1,120) Japanese, from Keelung, Swatow, O. S. K.—40 passengers, 8 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.
Tokushima Maru (5,075) Japanese, from Calcutta Singapore, N. Y. K.—1,009 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 6,310 tons general (through).
Sungshan Maru (1,503) Japanese, from Shanghai, Swatow, N. Y. K.—103 passengers, 100 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 200 tons general (through).
Suiyo Maru (4,770) Japanese, from Nagoya, Moji, N. Y. K.—1,088 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 4,864 tons general (through).
Taipei Maru (1,090) Japanese, from Wakamatsu, Kamaishi & Co.—2,000 tons coal for Hong Kong.
Soon Ann (787) Chinese, from Hoilow, Shun On & Co.—40 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.
Shui Hing (114) Chinese, from Macao, Moo Hing Co.—25 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.
Tak Hing (105) Chinese, from Autau, Fook Hing Co.—100 passengers, 80 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.
Wing Wo (503) Chinese, from Fort Bayard, Yuikelo—180 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

COLLISION SUIT.

MATSON CO. WINS ON LIBEL.

San Francisco, Jan. 28.
Sustaining the local federal court, the United States Circuit Court of Appeals today awarded the Matson Company a judgment of \$340,000 in connection with a libel suit brought by the company as a result of a collision between the "Melville Dollar" and the "Mauna Ala" off the Oregon coast in 1925.

WARSHIP'S IN HARBOUR.

The following war vessels have been given as lying in Hong Kong: North Wall Ambrose, L19; South Wall Basin Petrel, Gannet, Cleat; East Wall, L6; North Arm Titania, L1, 2, 7, 8, 9; West Wall Dock Marston, Khark; In Dock Herald, L4, L27; No. 1 Buoy, Argus; 4 Iroquois; 5 Sterling, Sommo, Sepoy; 6 Magnolia; 8 Carlisle; 9 Hollyhook; 10 Seraph, Thraxian; 11 Bluebell; 12 Seraph, Sirdar; 18 Bruce; 18 Authonda; 20 Fortol, Belgol; 25 Tern.

A DERELICT JUNK.

The master of the s.s. "Cheong Shing" reports to the Harbour Office, that while on a trip from Wei Hai Wei to this port, a derelict junk was seen at a spot approximately Lat. 22 degrees 28 N., Long 114 degrees 67 E. on the noon of 2nd instant.

It is officially announced that, during the year ended November 30, 1927, 6,072 vessels passed through the Panama Canal, or an average of sixteen a day. The dues which they paid amounted to \$18,181,818, as compared with \$17,840,885 in the previous year.

TOURIST SHIPS.

DUE IN HONG KONG SHORTLY.

NEXT WEEK'S "INVASION."

The tourist season in Hong Kong will be inaugurated next week with the arrival of the s.s. "Belgenland" and the s.s. "Empress of Australia."

The "Belgenland" has paid Hong Kong many visits before as a tourist vessel and the "Empress of Australia" is a familiar sight here, having been on the C.P.R. Pacific run before being refitted in England. The "Empress of Australia" is due in Hong Kong next Friday and will remain here until the following Monday when she will leave for New York via Northern and Japanese ports.

The s.s. "Resolute" of the Hamburg-America Line, is due in Hong Kong next month on her fifth circuit of the globe during which thirty countries will be visited in a period of a hundred and forty days.

SUBMARINE SURVEY.

VOYAGE FROM HOLLAND TO JAVA.

Before the Royal Geographical Society, Dr. Vening Meinesz read a highly interesting, well-illustrated paper on a gravity survey by the submarine KXIII from Holland via Panama to Java in 1920.

After having given a short general survey of the principal features of the new apparatus especially adapted for the observations carried out, the lecturer proceeded to give a record of the voyage and its provisional results; observing in this connection that the soundings made left the general impression that the sea bottom is more irregular than the charts indicate, this being especially the case in the Eastern and the middle of the voyage through the Atlantic and in the Pacific west of Honolulu.

Gravity Anomalies.
Dealing with the investigation of gravity, the lecturer said that large gravity anomalies may be expected in the Eastern part of the Malay Archipelago, where probably the earth's crust is still in an unstable condition.

He gave various impressions formed, and said the fact that various deviations of isostasy have been found makes it still more desirable, than it would otherwise be, to continue the observations on as large a scale as possible.

LINER EQUIPMENT.

INTRODUCTION OF GYRO COMPASS.

In view of the extensive adoption of the gyro-compass in the principal Navies and the Merchant Services of the world one might also say that it constitutes an essential part of the equipment of a modern liner.

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Mr. T. Jones of the Hong Kong-Macao s.s. "Chuen Chow" has been removed to the Victoria Hospital for typhoid treatment. His condition is said to be serious, but there is every hope of a recovery.

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ATLAS MARU Friday, 3rd February.
AMAZON MARU Tuesday, 6th March.
RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES—Via Saigon, Singapore, Colombo, Durban & Cape Town.
MONTEVIDEO MARU Friday, 10th February.
BOMBAY—Via Singapore and Colombo.
HONOLULU MARU (Calls at Karachi) Saturday, 4th February.
SHINGO MARU Wednesday, 8th February.
SHINNOH MARU Monday, 20th February.
DURBAN, DELAGOA BAY, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR AND MOMBASA—Via Singapore and Colombo.
PANAMA MARU Friday, 2nd March.
CALCUTTA—Via Singapore, Penang and Rangoon.
KASADO MARU Saturday, 25th February.
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER—Via Japan Ports.
ARABIA MARU (From Shanghai) Tuesday, 7th February.
RAIPHONG—Via HOILHAW & PAKHOI.
MENADO MARU Tuesday, 14th February, 10 a.m.
NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco & Panama.
JAPAN PORTS
CELEBES MARU Sunday, 5th February.
ALASKA MARU Saturday, 11th February.
BATAVIA MARU Wednesday, 22nd February.
KEELING VIA SWATOW & AMOY.
TAKAO VIA SWATOW & AMOY.
DELA MARU Thursday, 9th Feb., 10 a.m.
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S.S. "CITY OF MADRAS" Havre, London, Rotterdam & Hamburg 25th March.
S.S. "CITY OF GLASGOW" Havre, London, Rotterdam & Hamburg 24th April.
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NELLORE	9,853	25th Feb.	Marseilles & London
KIDDERPORE	5,334	29th Feb.	Strait & Bombay
MACE DONIA	11,120	3rd Mar.	Marseilles & London
ALIPORE	5,273	8th Mar.	Strait & Bombay
* KHYBER	9,114	10th Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
KASHMIR	9,085	17th Mar.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
KARNATA	9,128	24th Mar.	Marseilles & London
KANTUA	10,946	31st Mar.	Marseilles & London
* KALIAN	9,144	7th Apr.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
MONGOLIA	10,504	14th Apr.	Marseilles & London
NAGPORE	5,283	21st Apr.	Marseilles & London
MOREA	10,953	28th Apr.	Marseilles & London
KASHGAR	9,005	12th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp.
JEYPORE	5,318	19th May	Marseilles & London
MALWA	10,986	26th May	Marseilles & London
DEVANHA	9,155	2nd June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp.
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SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI & JAPAN

* KIDDERPORE	5,334	4th Feb.	Moji & Kobe
TANDA	9,956	7th Feb.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
ALIPORE	5,273	11th Feb.	Kobe & Osaka.
KARNATA	9,128	12th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
TILAWA	10,006	12th Feb.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
KASHMIR	9,085	18th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
TALMA	10,000	20th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
KALIAN	9,144	25th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
KANTUA	10,946	1st Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
ST. ALBANS	4,500	6th Mar.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
* NAGPORE	5,283	8th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
MONGOLIA	10,504	17th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
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TANDA	9,956	8th May	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.

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All claims against the vessel must be presented to the Under-signed on or before the 17th instant or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 7th instant, at 10 a.m. by our surveyors Messrs. Goddard & Douglas. No Fire Insurance has been effected.

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DAMAGED PACKAGES will be examined by the Company's Surveyor, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas in the presence of the Consignees at 10 a.m. on TUESDAY, the 7th February, 1928.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

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Agent.

Hong Kong, 1st Feb., 1928.

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T'au via Swatow & S'hai	KWANGSANG	Wed., 8th Feb., at 7 a.m.
T'au via Swatow & S'hai	HOPBANG	Sun., 12th Feb., at 7 a.m.
Tientsin	CHONGSHING	Wed., 8th Feb., at 5 p.m.
Kobe via Amoy & Moji	YUENSANG	Sun., 12th Feb., at 7 a.m.
Osaka via Amoy, Shanghai, Yokohama	FOOKSANG	Wed., 15th Feb., at 7 a.m.
Moji & Kobe	HOSANG	Thurs., 23rd Feb., at 7 a.m.
Canton	KWANGSANG	Sat., 4th Feb., at 4 a.m.
Straits & Calcutta	KUTSANG	Thurs., 9th Feb., at 3 p.m.
Straits & Calcutta	KUMSANG	Wed., 16th Feb., at 3 p.m.
Sandakan	MAUSANG	Thurs., 9th Feb., at 3 p.m.

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No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 3rd February, 1928, will be subject to rent.

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Hong Kong, 27th January, 1928.

PASSENGER LIST.

ARRIVALS.

Passengers on the P. & O. s.s. "Macedonia" arrived at Hong Kong on Feb. 2 from London via Suez, Singapore and ports were:—

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AN AID TO BUSINESS:

Our best authorities are practically unanimous on the fact that knowledge of Chinese is a valuable asset in business. There are abundant means in the Colony for learning the Chinese language, so the excuse that facilities are not easily available is very poor. His Excellency the Governor, Sir Cecil Clementi, has set a sterling example by putting to good use his familiarity with Chinese; the impression he has made in public addresses in the vernacular is testimony to the value of such knowledge. Furthermore, it was not so long ago that the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce took the lead in inducing local firms to encourage the study of Chinese but, it is regretted, enthusiasm appears to have subsided. Opinion is divided as to how many dialects, if more than one, should be aimed at in learning the spoken language in addition to the written. We go a step further. Present ties are such that foreigners should also acquaint themselves with the major political and national developments in China. How many non-Chinese, we wonder, know what such an important name as Li Chai-sum signifies, additional to the fact that he is in charge at Canton?

Foreign observers living in China who attempt to follow the ramifications of Chinese party politics are few indeed. This is particularly so with old residents for these, after years of experience, come to the conclusion that any effort in the direction indicated cannot but fail to leave the

student more bewildered than he was at the outset. It is generally agreed among the rank of the 'griffins' that one finds the enthusiastic student, and when he has mastered a few of the names of the leading politicians and militarists his knowledge for a few months is as unlimited as it is erroneous. Then he generally wakes up. Nevertheless in times like the present some knowledge of the main events which are taking place on the political and military stage is essential and particularly so to the business man, and those whose permanent homes are here.

This is the considered view of an expert who has seen and undergone some of the worst phases in China, in regard to the position of foreigners, during the last two years. Besides the intrinsic value of being able to grasp political intricacies with which trade is irrevocably bound, the academic interest provided ought to be sufficient reward. If genius is an infinite capacity for taking pains, then the more people we have with an inclination to find out what's what, the better it will be for Hong Kong trade. There is the story of a very prosperous German firm, ex-War days, the taipan of which held a nightly conference with his comrade and then regularly sent off his cables at half past eight the next morning. That is all very well, but the comrade's expressions are not necessarily representative and first-hand information is always more advantageous. We suggest that public lectures be given weekly, the speakers briefly to review the Chinese history of the week; nothing technical or intricate, but a short talk in plain language on matters of moment. In a sentence, we say that although we are in a British Colony, a knowledge of things Chinese will be profitable for businessmen and may lead to a yearning for knowledge of the Chinese language.

CORRESPONDENCE:

NEW PRAYER BOOK.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")

Sir—Some weeks ago, we ventured, in view of the grave situation caused by the Deposed Book, to write asking for prayer.

We pointed out that the issues before Members of Parliament, and those associated with the present crisis, were most serious, and that their decisions might have far-reaching results; we therefore invited all who were watching with great anxiety the trend of events, to join in prayer that Divine Wisdom and Guidance might be given.

At the present moment, earnest prayer is more needed than at any time in our history. We set aside for this purpose. Some may find it convenient to give, say, five

GREAT MEN.

INTELLECTUAL FAMINE
MOOTED.

A POOR WORLD.

"For 2,000 years past there never was a period when somewhere in the world there was not a really great poet, philosopher, or genius of some sort who dwarfed his fellow men."

"Yet to-day there is not a single such great man in any country. The world is suffering from an intellectual famine."

Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, President of Columbia University, in the "Evening News" of London.

"Is the world—the poor, battered, weary old world in which we live—really passing through a slump in genius?" asks the newspaper named.

"Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, aloofly surveying mankind from China to Charles Cross, has coldly turned down his thumb. He turned down his thumb with the 'Evening News' and now he has gone back to America, thinking sadly of the days when there were geniuses—"

...and we petty men walked under their huge legs and peeped about."

To find ourselves dishonourable graves."

"Meanwhile the old planet is taking a ruminative look at itself. 'Sir Oliver Lodge, speaking to an 'Evening News' representative—"

"I do not agree with Dr. Murray Butler. There are some astronomers alive to-day who are as great as any that ever existed—men like Professor Eddington and Dr. Jeans. They are as great as any of the famous men of the past."

"There are wonderful physicists in the world now."

"People do not realise the wonders that are happening, quite quietly, in their midst. We are in a great revolutionary period; the world is changing, as it sweeps along. Great discoveries are being made, unknown to the millions of people who live their daily lives in world."

"No great men"! No, I do not agree.

"Of science the charge is palpably untrue. Science is now at the very top of the wave—greater than it has ever been."

Of the two geniuses quoted by Sir Oliver Lodge, one is Dr. James, mathematician, who lives at Dorking. He has won the royal medal of the Royal Society and the gold medal of the Royal Astronomical Society, and has written such works as "Radiation and the Quantum Theory" and "Cosmogony and Stellar Dynamics." The other is Professor Eddington, the 44-year-old Plumian Professor of Astronomy at Cambridge.

Sheer Audacity.

"The new President of the British Association, Sir Arthur Keith, the distinguished anthropologist, said—"

"I think it is sheer audacity for any man to say there are no geniuses to-day. How can any one man judge? The world of knowledge is so vast now—it is such an enormously wide range—that no one brain can comprehend it all."

"I do not think there is a dearth of genius to-day. Great men come in waves, I know, more at one time than at another—but how can you tell who are the real geniuses among your contemporaries?"

"In a hundred years' time people will look back on our age and pick out its geniuses. We cannot possibly do it."

"I could name half-a-dozen men whom I consider geniuses, but it would not be fair for me to do it."

"Perhaps a decision one way or another is impossible to us," comments the "Evening Standard."

"We can no more appreciate the greatness of a contemporary than we can see the grandeur of a mountain when we are climbing its slopes. The peak seems ever at the end of the next incline, and it is not until we look at it from a distance that we realise how far we were from it."

"Another difficulty lies in some doubt as to the proper definition of greatness. Is a great man, one who does large things? But many little men have been pushed by accident into positions where they could do nothing else. Accident plays so huge a part in human affairs. And who has not met, in some humble position, a man who radiated from him by mere force of being himself the very sense of greatness?"

Major G. H. S. Fowke, who has just resigned the Leicestershire cricket captaincy, succeeded A. T. Sharp in the leadership. In 1922, Educated at Uppingham, he did many fine things for the school with both bat and ball, including an innings of 103 and the capture of 23 wickets in 1898. In the following season he topped the batting, with an average of 46, his highest effort being 181 against Malvern, in which game he also took six wickets.

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ANTIQUE KEYS.

THEIR ARTISTRY AND
SYMBOLISM.

IN CLASSIC TIMES.

The history of the key naturally proceeds pari passu with that of the lock, the maker of the one being expected to provide the other. The chef d'œuvre lock, wrought by the apprentice of the Middle Ages to secure his graduation as a master locksmith, was accompanied by its key, and equalled it in point of both artistry and artifice. And because of the high degree of skill and taste which the locksmith must exhibit in respect of his locks and keys, he was in the Middle Ages frequently called upon to execute small ornaments for his patrons.

The origin of the open ring to the key doubtless arises from the fashion of wearing on the hand the safeguard to some cherished possession. In the British Museum are to be seen specimens of little finger rings in bronze with the key affixed at right angles; these are Roman rings, unearthed at Herculaneum. In classic times, and indeed right up to the thirteenth century, the key must have ranked as far inferior to the iron bar and the wooden bolt as a means of actual defence to city gate and church door, and have been esteemed rather as a means of securing the cabinet and the chest. But for all that, it stood as a symbol of the inviolability of a town and of a castle; an emblem of possession, and later on of rank. Should a town capitulate to an enemy, the burglers must formally surrender its keys, even though this formality be rendered unnecessary through the walls having been razed to the ground.

Gothic Ornamentation.

In the fourteenth century the bow of the key is distinguished by a certain simplicity of design. It may be in diamond shape, square, quatrefoil, or trefoil, but these forms show but small elaboration and the barrel of the key remains plain. With the fifteenth century comes the development of Gothic ornament in this portion of the key; coats-of-arms are introduced and the space is filled with the shield of its owner or a miniature presentation of his castle. Occasionally we find amongst the keys a beautifully intertwined monogram or cypher, a theme more fully exploited at a later period, when court functionaries, stewards, valets, and keepers of the collar were equipped with keys thus obviously marked as entrusted to them by their lords and masters. When we find a sixteenth century key, bearing aloft "confronted" dolphins, we may infer it to be a key conferred by the Dauphin of its day, as a mark of his friendship and confidence.

French keys of the period of Henry II., and wrought, either with the crescent or with the arms of Diane de Poitiers, signified, on presentation by the monarch, the right to enter, unannounced, the royal apartments. Such keys were, naturally, much coveted, as a symbol of royal favouritism, yet their possession could not have been altogether a sinecure, since loss of the key would mean for the careless one the necessity for defraying the cost of providing fresh locks and keys—and fine ones at that—throughout the palace. Sheer bankruptcy might lie that way.

Keys of richly gilt steel with a swivel ring at the end and for royal keys, to be worn proudly slung through the waistbelt, that all the world might recognise the privileged ones. The valet's keys would be richly wrought, but not gilt; the King would have a passe-partout key. In Spain the gentlemen of the court would wear their key to the apartments of Charles II. either round the neck on a coloured ribbon, or in the side pocket of their coat with the bow carefully exposed to view. The latter fashion led to the exaggeration in size of the bow portion.

With the development of the bow and its decoration came that of the barrel. The sixteenth century saw the introduction of ornament in the classic style. Sometimes it would be in the form of a figure, sometimes in that of a Corinthian or Ionic pillar, of which the capital would form what is technically known as the "boss" of the key. In others the stem would simulate a turret and the bow its pinnacle; later came the fashion for barrels of four or eight sides supporting a top of pierced steel. The bow and the barrel would be joined in the eighteenth century by a disc resembling a wheel, finely wrought in a jour, and the wards would achieve the fineness of a comb, in contrast to those of the earlier keys, wherein the massiveness of construction suggested a heavy weight of responsibility.

English Patterns Supreme.

The superiority of the English and French keys lies largely in the fact that their barrels are for the most part solid or bored as distinguished from the Italian and Spanish keys, where the barrel is formed by a sheet of thin metal, folded over and subsequently soldered—a far more flimsy affair. In locksmith parlance the key with the solid barrel is named French; or male, while the key with the folded barrel is the German or female. The quality of the French keys, as to their workmanship, is highly praised, and adoption in Italy during the Renaissance, with the results that

POLICE KIDNAP-HUNT.

DEAD GIRL'S SISTER
THREATENED.

FIFTY ARRESTS.

New York.—While 4,000 police were searching motor-cars, trains, and residences for the dead little Marion Parker, the 12-year-old Los Angeles schoolgirl, her grief-stricken parents received yet another meek, defiant letter purporting to come from the arch-criminal.

The letter was placed on a fire-alarm box and attention was called to it by a false alarm of fire. In it "Fate Fox," as he calls himself, promised a similar fate for Marion's twin sister, Marjorie, if the police did not immediately desist from their hunt.

A feeling akin to panic has spread among all parents in Los Angeles, as, simultaneously with the lurid descriptions of the outrage on Marion, came the news that another girl, Ethel Swapp, aged 14, the daughter of a chauffeur, had been kidnapped at Pasadena.

\$10,000 Reward.

Ten thousand pounds was instantly contributed by the city council, cinema theatres, notors, and others as a reward for the arrest of the murderer.

Miss Swapp was, however, recovered with her captor in the hills near Pasadena, but her captor is not the man who lured Marion from her school.

The consternation that prevails in Los Angeles is indicated by the fact that the police surrounded scores of houses and arrested on suspicion more than 50 people. They ransacked trains and hundreds of motor-cars and they pressed aeroplanes into service to pursue one suspect.

Among the most sensational arrests were those of a frenzied woman and man occupying a mysterious house overlooking the spot where the mutilated body of Marion was exchanged for \$200 given by her father. In their house the police found blood-stained towels and clothes and on the wall a crudely drawn picture of Judas Iscariot. The man and woman are believed to be demoted.

Unnamed Young Man.

The name of another person arrested the police refuse to divulge. They state that he is the son of a Los Angeles doctor, is 25 years old, and has had a university education. He is known to have committed offences against young girls, and he was in a position to acquaint himself with the details of the Parker family life. The dismemberment of Marion's body proves a knowledge of anatomy and the use of Greek letters—attests a possession of a smattering of Greek.

Dismembered portions of Marion's body were found in widely separated parts of the city.

many a French key of that period has later been erroneously classified as Italian. In the same way the vogue enjoyed later by English keys in France on account of their greater lightness and better finish has led to considerable confusion as to the nationality of certain seventeenth century keys.

Great interest attaches to ecclesiastical keys, the finest of which emanate from France. Figures of the saints, especially of St. Peter and St. Paul, take the place of the semi-classical figures of the secular keys. They occur in the bows of the keys, surrounded by scrolls and foliations, and bear the emblems proper to them. In the sixteenth and seventeenth century books of designs for such keys were published, and the craft recognised in the conspicuous standing. In Italy designs are, as a rule, as based on a misconception of the due treatment of the materials involved. With the Italian—or, more especially, the Florentine—locksmith, it was the aim to exert technical skill in such a way that it might be impossible to discern whether iron, wood, or leather had been concerned. The basic fallacy of the ideal is sufficiently clear.

When with the fourteenth century there was left behind, to a large extent, the exploitation of bronze, and the locksmith worked preferably in cold iron and later in steel, every portion of the key presented itself as a possible object for fine ornament. The keys that were for show and not for use could afford, to some extent, to disregard the natural function of a key and to exhibit wards that were not cut out, but merely elaborately chased and carved, and barrels so delicate in decoration that to thrust them into an aperture might seem a desecration. The key of to-day seems a trivial thing in comparison. Even presentation keys are manufactured from dies by means of a stamping press, and lack the individuality and richness of the antique.

As for these modern keys, what is there to be said in its favour beyond the practical? What an opportunity for beauty is missed in its futile bow, an exercise so slight that it affords small grip for the fingers. If only it were made of larger proportions and its opening filed with the metal, as the keys of the Middle Ages were, and its adoption in Italy during the Renaissance, with the results that

LEAGUE SOCCER

Full Programme Again To-morrow.

GUARDS MEET LEADERS.

Club Play Borderers: Kowloon Receive Queen's

[By "Rover."]

With the Interport players back again in Hong Kong, league football resumes its normal swing and a good list of matches is drawn for to-morrow.

The full official programme is as follows:—

- Division I. Kick-off 4.15 p.m.
- Kowloon v. Queen's Regt., K.F.C. ground, Referee, Mr. Baldwin.
- Scots Guards v. Chinese Athletic, Sookumpoo, Referee, Mr. Willis.
- South China v. R. A. F., South China ground, Referee, Capt. Austin.
- Hong Kong F.C. v. K.O.S.B., Club ground, Referee, Mr. Smith.
- Division II. Section "A" kick-off 2.45 p.m.
- South China "B" v. R.A., St. Joseph's ground, Referee, Mr. Phillips.
- K.O.S.B. v. Chinese Athletic, Sookumpoo, Referee, Mr. Cowan.
- South China "A" v. St. Joseph's, South China ground, Referee, Sgt. Hyson.
- Kowloon v. University, Kowloon, Referee, Mr. Lonsdale.
- Division II, Section "B".
- South China "A" v. Kung Wo, St. Joseph's ground, Referee, Mr. Samy (kick-off 4.15 p.m.)
- Kowloon v. St. Joseph's, Chatham Road, Referee, B.Q.M.S. Hutchings, (kick-off 2.30 p.m.)

ATHLETIC TIRED?

The senior league game are good ones and there should be a great game at Sookumpoo where the Guards will face the leaders, Chinese Athletic. The Guards have a fine defence. Forward the Guards can play a good game on a big field and Sookumpoo should suit them. The Athletic players may not feel so fresh after their Shanghai experiences, where they experienced defeats in three matches in which their players were wholly or partly engaged, but even this experience should help them and chances are in favour of their resuming their winning sequence to-morrow. The Guards are the only team to check the Athletic in Hong Kong this year so that the game on Saturday will have great interest with the Guards out to improve on the last result.

The meeting of the Club and the Borderers at the Valley should provide a fine game. The Borderers have struck good form lately, as also have the Club, and the latter, since Bishop has gone up with the forwards, have given much improved displays. Unfortunately Lyon, who was shaping well at full-back, has been crooked, and with Howard still on the injured list, the Club are unlikely to be always just below full strength. But with Rodger, Stewart, McBride and Watson in the defence, and Simpson, Bishop, Scott, Smith and "Patsy" Taylor forward, the Club will command respect from any side in the League; and the Borderers, if they have anything in hand at the finish of the game (good t am as they are), will, I think, be lucky.

The other Hong Kong senior game should provide the R.A.F. with two points if Vernon is on form. On Saturday last, against the Club, Vernon was in fine form and he is supported by some very useful colleagues, with a good defence. Every on his day being second to none in the Colony. The R.A.F., if they can get used to South China's ground, should get home, but with not much to spare.

Interest on the Kowloon side should centre in the match between the locals and the Queen's Regiment. In the last match on the Chatham Road ground, Kowloon played brilliant football and looked like winning. In the early stages, but ten minutes of startling play by Larkin, Richardson and Barclay turned the tables and the Regiment won fairly easily on goals.

Kowloon are, however, getting together a capable side and recent games have shown a distinct improvement in all-round play. There should be a large crowd to see this game as, owing to the Club de Recreio formally opening their new club house to-morrow, there are no matches at King's Park and spectators should see a rare good game at Kowloon A.F.C. ground. The Queen's are putting two teams in the Shield competition, which shows that they have no lack of players; and Kowloon will have to draw out a bit of their best form to secure a point.

The junior programme does not contain many outstanding games this week. The Gunners and the Borderers should win, as also should St. Joseph's College in section "A", while Kowloon Reserve, if they play up to form, should have a bit in hand with the University, and give Edwards a chance to show his worth in the University goal.

In section "B" Kung Wo, the Chinese representatives from Kowloon, who are a smart team, should beat South China "A", while Kowloon "B" ought to get the points against St. Joseph's at Chatham Road.

Kowloon supporters are well favoured; all three of their Club teams will be on view to-morrow at the neighbouring grounds of Chatham Road and Kowloon A.F.C.

INTERPORT SECRETS.

Outstanding Players of the Series.

The Interport players and officials having returned, a little inside information of general interest to Hong Kong soccer followers has been conveyed by eyewitnesses and players.

Apparently, no one player or official wishes to detract from a brilliant exhibition of football by Shanghai in which Favacho, Goldman, Collico, Gash, Pote-Hunt, and Lee Wal-tong were outstanding, but the postponement of the match from the original Saturday and the bad weather consequent on the postponement, also the playing of the Chinese match (East China v. South China) on the day prior to the Interport, were important contributory causes to Hong Kong's disaster, which explains, in spite of Shanghai's fine form, the large margin of goals. Another misfortune not generally known is that Sims was not the Sims we know on the big day, owing to a strain during training and the weather on the actual day of the Interport combined with the heavy nature of the ground was such as greatly to handicap the XI representing Hong Kong.

The Shanghai XI have received such glowing reports of their play, that they will be the first to acknowledge, from a footballer's point of view, that their opponents started well handicapped, and lessons learned by this experience have been stored up by the Hong Kong officials for future guidance when visiting Shanghai.

The combined Foreigners v. Combined Chinese was another match of brilliant football although one-sided; and I am pleased to record that the Shanghai spectators were able to see Gosano at his best, and McBride of the Club also playing a towering game at half-back. The Club de Recreio centre-forward scored five goals, Goldman (the brilliant Shanghai centre-forward) getting three, and Collico two, a feature of this game being a great display at centre-half by Costa of Shanghai. For the Chinese XI, Li Wal-tong (who is known in Shanghai as W. T. Lee), although against such a powerful organisation, was outstanding, but China were not well represented in goal.

The results of the tour are given as follows, in the order played:—East China 4, South China 2, Shanghai Interport 7, Hong Kong Interport 0, South China 9, North China 1, East China 4, North China 2, Combined Foreigners 10, Combined Chinese 1 (a penalty).

Shanghai receive my congratulations for a great display and for gaining the honours of the 1927-28 season, and East China for turning the tables on their clever opponents from the South. Hong Kong will give the Shanghai team a good welcome next season.

KOWLOON SOCCER XPS.

The following teams have been selected to represent the Kowloon Football Club in home matches to-morrow:—

1st XI. v. Queen's Regt., kick-off at 4.15 p.m.—Argus: Wheeler, Dodson, Hedley, Sims, McKelvie, Reed, Kernick, Northey, Muir, Miles. Reserves—May, Tiernan.

2nd XI. v. University, kick-off at 2.45 p.m.—Wood, Guest, Facer,

LADIES' GOLF.

MEDAL AND TONESTONE COMPETITIONS.

FUNDS FOR THE S.P.C.A.

The Royal Hong Kong Golf Club (Ladies' Section) medal competition held during January on the new course at Fanling for prizes presented by Mrs. T. S. Whyte-Smith were won by Mrs. R. L. Bridger (1st) and Mrs. B. Brown (2nd).

The tonestone competition held on Tuesday was won by Mrs. F. A. Reimond and the hidden number prize by Mrs. Leggatt. Mrs. R. L. Bridger kindly presented both the prizes.

The Electric competition, held during December and January, in aid of the funds of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, was won by Mrs. L. G. Dodwell, the prize being kindly given by Messrs. Sennet Freres.

POLICE v. TAIKOO.

Teams of 9-a-side at Happy Valley.

Teams of nine-a-side are to meet in a golf match on the R.H.K.G.C. course, Happy Valley, representing the Police and Taikoo respectively, on Sunday, Feb. 12, when play will begin at 9 a.m. The teams are:—

P. P. J. Wodehouse, C.I.E. (capt.), R. C. Wallace, E. E. Booker, J. Laing, A. W. Doyling, C. Stewart, Calhoun, J. McCubbin (capt.), T. H. King, V. E. Moore, F. James, W. W. G. Davis, W. Kent, V. G. McLeod, A. E. Charman, V. T. Young, E. Ellis, V. J. H. Stewart.

CRICKET TEAMS.

SELECTIONS FOR MATCHES TO-MORROW.

Some cricket teams selected for to-morrow's matches, at 2 p.m., are:—

Hong Kong C.C. 1st XI. (home) v. Kowloon C.C. (friendly).—T. E. Pearce, A. W. Hayward, R. Hancock, D. W. Leach, C. D. Wales, A. Reid, H. V. Parker, M. Moor, M. Maas, H. J. Armstrong, Rev. E. K. Quick.

Indian R.C. "A" (home) v. University (League).—A. H. Rumjahn (captain), A. el Arculli, S. A. Ismail, O. Ismail, A. H. Madan, J. S. A. Curran, S. H. Ismail, A. R. Minu, M. el Arculli, J. S. Acker, A. K. Minu.

The Varsity team will be:—C. W. Lam (captain), S. V. Gittins, A. A. Ramjahn, D. D. Laing, D. D. K. Samy, W. Hong Sling, J. Barrow, A. P. Gutierrez, E. A. Lee, P. I. Zimmermann, A. T. Lee.

Hong Kong C.C. 2nd XI. (away) v. Kowloon C.C. (friendly).—J. Collis, H. Griffin, H. Hampton, J. E. Hancock, C. P. James, S. Jordan, K. A. Mason, A. H. Penn, G. W. Sewell, W. K. Tait, E. R. West.

University 2nd XI. (away) v. Police R.C.—A. Baker (captain), Dr. M. B. Osman, F. Hiptoola, A. B. Suleman, A. Chan Fook, S. R. Kermann, N. P. Karanjia, K. T. Loke, S. F. Chen, B. H. Schroter, H. T. Barma.

On Sunday, the Club de Recreio team v. the Volunteers. (2 p.m.) will be:—H. A. Alves, H. M. Xavier, R. C. Reed, A. P. Gutierrez, L. J. Gutierrez, D. F. Lopes, F. H. Carvelho, E. de Sousa, A. A. Remedios, G. A. Noronha.

The Volunteers will be represented by:—H. Buxton, A. A. Dand, R. Davies, S. Jex, F. E. Lawrence, O. Moor, H. V. Parker, A. W. Ramsay, A. Reid, C. D. Wales, E. Zimmermann.

HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB.

The Hong Kong F.C. will select from the following in their senior league match to-morrow against the 2nd Bat. K.O.S.B. Regiment, kick-off at 4.15 p.m. on the Club ground:—Rodger, Wallington, Stewart, Ralston, McBride, Watson, Taylor, Bishop, Smith, Scott, Simpson, Alexander.

SOCCER TABLE.

How Garrison Teams Stand.

The Hong Kong Garrison Football League table, compiled to February 1, is as follows:

	G	P	L	D	F	A	Pts
C. 6. 2nd							
K.O.S.B.	8	7	0	1	36	4	15
HQ. 2nd							
K.O.S.B.	10	6	2	2	22	10	14
D. 2nd							
K.O.S.B.	10	5	2	3	32	18	13
A. 2nd							
K.O.S.B.	7	4	1	2	9	7	10
12th B. Bty.							
R.A.	7	4	1	2	25	10	10
B. 2nd							
K.O.S.B.	7	4	2	1	15	10	9
HQ. 1st							
K.O.S.B.	8	4	3	1	10	13	9
R.A.M.C.	11	4	7	0	22	15	9
1st B. Bty.							
R.A.	7	3	3	1	14	9	7
R.A.M.C.	10	1	3	1	0	35	3
R.E. & R.							
Signals	7	1	6	0	4	23	2
2nd B. Bty.							
R.A.	8	0	8	0	2	32	0

4TH ROUND OVER.

NO "MINORS" LEFT IN THE F.A. CUP.

READY FOR NEXT STAGE.

All matches in the fourth round of the competition proper of the Home Football Association Cup have been decided now.

Yesterday, the last of the "minors," i.e., the third division clubs, was ejected in a replay. Of the sixteen clubs left twelve are in division I, and only four from division II. Of the latter, two are from the Potteries, (Stoke and Port Vale) and both are drawn away from home. At least one of the second division representatives will reach the sixth round as Manchester City came out of this hat first, in the fifth round draw, against Stoke. The other division II club left in is Notts Forest who will be at home to the holders, Cardiff City.

A match which will be looked forward to is that in London, where Arsenal receive the famous Cup-fighters, Aston Villa. Another London Club, the Spurs of Tottenham, have to travel to Leicester. Sheffield will see a local " derby" between the United and Wednesday, both in the first division.

Yesterday's Replay.

London, Yesterday.

Replaying to-day in the 4th round of the F.A. Cup, Blackburn Rovers defeated Exeter City by three goals to one (at Exeter).—Reuter.

The draw for the 5th round on Feb. 18 will therefore be: Manchester United v. Birmingham, Sheffield Wednesday v. Sheffield United.

Arsenal v. Aston Villa, Leicester v. Spurs, Manchester City v. Stoke, Huddersfield v. Middlesbrough, Blackburn v. Port Vale, Notts Forest v. Cardiff.

CINEMA NOTES.

GLORIA SWANSON AT THE WORLD.

Gloria Swanson's new Paramount picture, "Bluebeard's Eighth Wife" which will be shown at the World Theatre to-day and to-morrow, promises the famous star in the role of Mona de Brise, a French girl whose parents are in financial difficulties. Their last straw is to marry Mona to a rich man, John Brandon, an American multimillionaire, played by Huntley Gordon, is chosen as the intended husband. The marriage takes place. Differences at once arise and many thrilling incidents follow. The climax of the picture is unique. The supporting cast is excellent and includes, among other prominent screen-artists, Charles Greene, Paul Weigel and Robert Agnew.

"BEN-HUR" MIRACLE.

A really astonishing miracle in "Ben-Hur" is attracting much attention. It is the Star of Bethlehem, first a mere point of light and gradually increasing in splendour till its glory fills the heavens on the eve of Christ's nativity. This effect was devised by Ferdinand Earle, a Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer art director, who has become a specialist in photographic creations. Mr. Earle displays an unusual poetic taste and feeling of Orientalism. His artistry is shown not only by the beautiful Star but also in the figures of the watchers—shepherds, peasants and Wise Men—as they look across the jagged hills of Judaea and see the rising radiance that presages the birth of the Holy Child.

It is notified in Volunteer Orders that on relinquishing the command of the Straits Settlements Volunteer Force, Lieutenant-Colonel F. J. M. Postlethwaite would like to thank all Officers, Warrant Officers, Non-commissioned Officers and men for their very hearty co-operation during the past three years. He wishes the S.S.V.F. all prosperity in the future.

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Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

To-day to February 6—Queen's Theatre: "Ben Hur."

To-day—World Theatre: "Bluebeard's Eighth Wife."

To-day—Star Theatre: "The Crown of Lies."

To-day—Cheer O. Y.M.C.A. Concert and Dance, at 7.30 p.m.

February 6—Dance at the Royal Engineers' Dance Club, Wellington Barracks, 8.30 p.m.

February 6—Banvard Musical Comedy Company presents "Katja the Dancer," Theatre Royal, City Hall, 9.15 p.m.

February 9—Musicals at Helena May Institute, 6.30 p.m.

February 11—Concert and dance, Elliot Hall, H.K. University, 8 p.m.

February 25—Craigengower Cricket Club's annual "Bachelors' Dance."

Sports.

February 4—Boxing tournament under the auspices of the H.K. Boxing Association, Lee Theatre, Percival Street.

February 12—Monthly spoon shoot of No. 2 Platoon (H.K.V.D.C.) Rifle Club, Peak Range, 9.30 a.m.

February 13, 14, 15, 18—Hong Kong Jockey Club Race Meeting, Happy Valley.

February 17—Golf Match: Ladies' Bogey Competition at Fanling.

Land Sale.

February 6—Three lots of Crown land at Prince Edward Rd., Ma Tau Wei, at P.W.D. Office, 8 p.m.

Lammer's Auctions.

February 7—At Sales Room, Duddell Street, household furniture, etc., etc., 2.30 p.m.

Hughes & Hough's Auctions.

March 1—At Auction Room, Ice House Street, valuable household property, situated in Peak District, 3 p.m.

Meetings.

February 7—Twenty-third annual meeting of Union Waterboat Co., Ltd., in the Office of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., 11 a.m.

February 8—Annual meeting of Navy League (Hong Kong Branch), in board-room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., 5.30 p.m.

February 9—Annual meeting of Humphrey's Estate & Finance Co., Ltd., Hong Kong Hotel, 11 a.m.

February 9—Thirty-ninth meeting of the H.K. Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd., at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., 12.30 p.m.

February 16—Thirtieth annual meeting of the Star Ferry Co., Ltd., at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., 12.30 p.m.

February 19—Ninth Ordinary Meeting of shareholders of the Bank of East Asia, Ltd., 10, Des Voeux Road Central, 8.30 p.m.

Miscellaneous.

February 4—Opening of the New Club de Recreio edifice in King's Park, Kowloon, by Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G., 8.30 p.m.

February 4—Closing entries of the Hong Kong Cricket Club, noon.

February 5—Address by Mr. McCowan, at the European Y.M.C.A., Kowloon, 9 p.m.

February 5—Lecture on field day, Volunteer Headquarters, 5.30 p.m.

February 6—Lecture at Corps Headquarters for Mounted Infantry Co., 6 p.m.

February 17—Annual dinner of St. Peter's Young Men's Club at Lane, Crawford's Restaurant.

February 24—Annual Dinner of Artillery Co. (H.K.V.D.C.) Volunteer Headquarters.

February 24—Pianoforte recital by Mr. Harry Orr at "Mullomah," 2, May Road, 9.30 p.m.

SALVAGE CHIEF.

MAN WHO SAVED 43 FROM SUNKEN SUBMARINE.

Sir Frederic William Young, who was head of the Admiralty Salvage Section during the war, and had since been acting as the Government's Naval Salvage Adviser, died at his house at Chelsea, at the age of 63.

Sir Frederic was the first man to raise a sunken U-boat—the UC 6—while another great feat was the blocking of Portland Harbour in less than a week by sinking the battleship "Hood" bottom up to prevent the entry of enemy vessels. Besides saving British warships during the war, Sir Frederic was also entrusted with the task of the salvage of merchant vessels and their cargoes. In all he raised more than 600 ships with a total cargo value of £50,000,000.

Mr. H. L. Hopton, of the "Straits Times," has left Singapore for Shanghai on a holiday.

The late of radio broadcasting in Shanghai now lies in the hands of radio fans. Unless they come to the support of the China Broadcasting Association, and help the cause by becoming members of the Association, there will be no more broadcasting and those who have radio sets in their homes will find little use for them. The decision of the Association, as to whether they will resume broadcasting, will be made if a sufficient number of persons have subscribed to it. It is estimated that broadcasting will be resumed.



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realised \$500 at Messrs. Puttick
and Simpson's, Leicester Square,
W.C.The French Lawn Tennis
Federation has received a total of
21 entries for the Davis Cup con-
test this year, 18 of them being
in the European Zone.The International Combustion
Ltd., Kingsway, W.C., have secur-
ed a \$202,114 contract for boiler
house equipment for the generat-
ing station at Leeds.An increase of threepence in the
cost of half-soles and heeling
boots is recommended by the
Leather and Grindery Merchant's
Association (London branch).A. H. G. Fokker, famous airplane
manufacturer. Mr. Fokker is one
of the foremost aviation experts in
the United States, having perfected
many devices for the safety of air-
planes and their passengers.A telegram received in Tokyo
from Buzan, Korea, states that 90
houses were burned totally or par-
tially in a fire which occurred on
Tomimachi Street in that town.Manila, February 2.—Vice-Ad-
miral Sir R. V. Tyrwhitt and his
wife have arrived here on a ten-day
visit. A series of entertainments
has been arranged in their honour.When an 18-year-old Post Office
sorting clerk, Ronald H. Veal, was
bound over on probation at Barns-
ley charged with the theft of postal
packets, it was stated that 241
opened letters were found at his
lodgings.A party of boys from secondary
schools, who have been awarded
scholarships by the Fellowship of
the British Empire Exhibition for
a one year's course at Australian
agricultural college have sailed
from London.Mr. Burn-Callander, who has
been acting for Mr. Harry Tate on
Pondoland Estate, Taiping, during
the latter's absence at Home, is
leaving to become Manager of
Kuala Pilah Estate, Kuala Pilah.
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Tate are ex-
pected back on Pondoland this
month.According to the "Vossische
Zeitung" the German Nationalist
Party intends to nominate one of
the members of the Hohenzollerns
as a candidate for the Presidency
at the next election, and ex-Crown
Prince Frederick Wilhelm will
probably be selected as their can-
didate.New York, February 2.—Follow-
ing Mr. Corrigan's death, the con-
trol of the Corrigan-McKinley Steel
Company, of which the capital is
\$14,000,000 has passed into the
hands of four women. The principal
stockholder is Mr. Corrigan's widow,
a well-known London society hos-
tess.—Reuter.Furniture and clothing to the
value of \$1,000 were destroyed by
a fire which broke out at 1480,
Avenue Joffre, Shanghai, the resi-
dence of Mr. J. Endecott. The
fire was caused by a piece of
smouldering wood left in the chim-
ney of the house. The French fire
brigade was called out and extin-
guished the blaze.Adelaide.—William Peter Haines,
aged 25, was puffing a cigarette
when he was hanged for the murder
of Devina Schmidt, aged 19,
whom he shot at a picnic owing to
jealousy. Haines lit a cigarette
when walking to the scaffold, and
after requesting permission to take
a last view of the world he was
executed while still smoking.In American and German aero-
dromes large areas of concrete
paving are being laid in front of
the hangars to serve as runways
on which the planes can land or
take off in any weather. Berlin's
"Croyden"—the Tempelhof
Flughafen—is to have a new
elliptical concrete starting track
977 yards across from north to
south, and 1,300 yards from east
to west. This track, it is antici-
pated, will enable a considerable
economy to be effected annually in
the upkeep of the Aerodrome.The forthcoming wedding is an-
nounced of Mr. V. M. Grayburn,
850 the Peak, to Miss M. D. Robson,
nursing sister, Peak Hospital.A thief broke a pane of glass in
the show-case of a silk goods shop in
Jorvois Street on Wednesday night
and stole goods valued at \$945.Inspectors A. Clark, J. R. Clark,
and J. Ogg, Sub-Inspector S. Logan
and Leo-Sgt. Ritchie returned from
Hono leave, yesterday by the
"Macedonia".At the Kowloon Magistracy
yesterday, Mr. W. Schofield passed
sentence of six months' hard
labour and 15 strokes of the birch
on a sneak thief who was charged
with snatching a gold chain from a
small Chinese girl in Portland
Street, Mongkok, on January 24.Passengers arrived here yester-
day on the P. and O. "Macedonia"
from Hono via Suez and Singapore
included:—Mr. H. Courtney, Mr.
R. V. Harris, Major and Mrs. O.
Skinner, Mr. S. C. Law, Mr. G. B.
Twinnlow, Mr. L. H. King, Mr. and
Mrs. J. Hooper, Surg.-Lt. Sayers,
Lt.-Comdr. and Mrs. Dains, Dr. K.
R. and Mrs. Worth, Lt.-Comdr. and
Mrs. Gandy and Lt.-Comdr. Fell.Members and their lady friends
were entertained to dinner and a
social evening at the European
Y.M.C.A. last night on the occasion
of "Ladies' Night," there being a
large number present and an ex-
cellent programme of games and
songs being gone through at the
conclusion of dinner. Songs were
given by Mrs. R. Sangers, Miss F.
McGill, Mr. H. Glover and Mr.
Gusack. Mr. Bragg giving some ex-
cellent violin solos.An overturned sampan was dis-
covered in the harbour on Wednes-
day by a ferry launch which was on
a trip from Shamshui to Hong
Kong. Hanging on to the upturned
boat was an old Chinese woman who
was in an exhausted state. She
was rescued and taken on board the
ferry launch. It appears from a
statement made by the woman that
when the sampan suddenly turned
turtle all the occupants were thrown
overboard, and apparently she is the
sole survivor of the tragic affair.Henry L. Stimson, eminent New
York lawyer, who at the urgent
request of President Coolidge, ac-
cepted the post as Governor Gen-
eral of the Philippines. Colonel
Stimson is 60 years old. He is a
former Secretary of War, served in
France during the Great War, and
was the President's personal envoy to
Nicaragua last spring. Colonel
Stimson will carry out the Philip-
pine policy started by the late Gen-
eral Wood.At the Central Magistracy yester-
day afternoon, the master of the
s.s. "Yuet On," a vessel flying the
Chinese flag and plying between
Hong Kong and Canton, was
charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell
by the Import and Export Depart-
ment for allowing three cases of
dubious liquor to be removed from
his ship without a permit. The
Captain's defence was that he had
nothing to do with the ship's cargo,
that part of the business being
in the hands of the ship's compradore.
The case was adjourned
until Tuesday afternoon next.Mr. W. Schofield had before him
at the Kowloon Magistracy yester-
day, two Chinese who were
charged with obstructing two detec-
tives in the execution of their duty
at Shapp, Kowloon City, on the
night of January 10. The first
accused was met in Lamlooi
village and when searched by the
detectives, pawn tickets were found
on him. This man took the detec-
tives to a hut where the second man
was found lying on a bed. They
were both taken into custody. On
the way second accused put up a
struggle and encouraged by the
other No. 1 also resisted the detec-
tives, with the result that both
managed to get free. The detec-
tives fired their revolvers after the
accused. The second man then
hesitated and was caught. He put
up another struggle, however, and
was shot in the leg. The other man
was re-arrested on the following day.
The case was adjourned.Supt. Freeman Newton, of Swans-
sea, formerly of the Indian Police,
has been appointed Chief Con-
stable of Hereford.Count Hiroto Hayashi has been
appointed Chief of the Imperial
Educational Association in suc-
cession to the late Dr. Masataro
Sawayanagi.The Belgian railways announces
reduction of 80 per cent. on fares
for parties of tourists proceeding
from England to Italy and Swit-
zerland, via Belgium.Dr. Penck, noted professor of
geography at Berlin University, is
reported to have accepted an in-
vitation to lecture at the Univer-
sity of California during the com-
ing summer.Gen. Hanzo Yamanashi, former
Japanese minister of war who has
been appointed governor general of
Korea, succeeding Viscount Saito,
who recently resigned.London reports that the Empire
Marketing Board has decided to
grant \$7,000 and an annual sub-
sidy of \$2,000 for research work
in the woollen and worsted indus-
tries.The postmistress, Mrs. Clara
Robins, was badly burnt and had
to be taken to hospital when the
post office at Swerford, near Ban-
bury, Oxfordshire, was burnt
down.A despatch from New York
states that Mr. Henry Walter
Taft has been re-elected President
of the Japan Society of America
at its 21st annual meeting held in
New York.It is reported the International
Aviation Society at Paris has pre-
sented a certificate of merit and a
trophy to Mr. Hsiao Abe, who par-
ticipated in the Japan-Europe
flight of 1925.Loans to brokers and dealers
held by the New York Reserve
member banks, are said to have
reached the unprecedented amount
of \$3,810,000,000, approximately
one milliard above the figure for
January 1 last year.An armed robbery committed in
the house of a doctor of Chinese
medicine at No. 824 Shanghai
Street, had its sequel before Mr. W.
Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy
yesterday afternoon, when a Chi-
nese was charged with having been
concerned in the affair. After evi-
dence was heard an adjournment was
given until next week.Recent visitors of note to Sin-
gapore Methodists were Dr. and
Mrs. J. F. Fisher and Miss Fisher
en route home from a visit to
Palestine and India. Dr. Fisher
is dean of the School of Religion
of the University of Southern
California and Mrs. Lena Leonard
Fisher is Professor of History of
Religions, and is well known as a
leader in W.F.M.S. affairs.Two Chinese who were arrested
in a tea-house in Mongkok were
yesterday charged before Mr. W.
Schofield at the Kowloon Magis-
tracy with the unlawful possession
of daggers. A third man was
charged with the possession of wine
cups and other articles for an un-
lawful purpose. All three men were
remanded for a week for the police
to make further inquiries.Mr. R. M. Dyer, chief manager of
the Hong Kong & Whampoa Dock
Co., returned from Hono leave
yesterday with Mrs. Dyer by the
"Macedonia". Mr. Dyer is a popu-
lar race-pony owner, a Steward of
the Jockey Club, chairman of the
Boxing Association and a past Pre-
sident of St. Andrew's Society, in
addition to having a leading part in
connection with other institutions.The funeral took place at Ealing,
on December 17, of Captain Andrew
Shewan, of Castlebar Park, Ealing,
stated to be the last survivor of the
tea clipper captains. He made his
first voyage in the tea clipper
Chan-Sze, in 1860, and at the age
of 23 succeeded his father as cap-
tain of the Norman Court, which
made the trip from China in 1872
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the South, and the journey of Mr. A. H. F. Edwards, acting
Inspector-General of Customs.Merchants in both hemispheres are interested in
the problem of China's Customs tariff. Local hongs
should keep their connections posted as to movements.
Full reports appear in this week's "Overland."Hong Kong has seen a partial revival in the share and
property markets, following developments in Canton, where
the Reds are giving trouble but the Government is still
firmly in control.This week's "Overland" describes raids on places
near the Colony's frontier. The news will provide
informative reading to friends at Home. It is the duty
of people out here to ensure full intelligence being sent
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"KING OF KINGS."

IMPRESSIONS AT COVENT
GARDEN.

"NOT GOOD ENOUGH."

It was not to be expected that Hollywood would keep its hands off the Gospels, writes J. C. Squire in the "Observer." In this film Hollywood has done very much better than one had any right to hope. The film, in fact, is not offensive.

The reasons for this are two-fold. One is the success of the principal actor, and the other the evident earnestness with which the producer and the cast have worked. Mr. Warner's impersonation of Our Lord has noticeable defects, defects best illustrated by the fact that he is most glaringly inadequate when he is driving the money-changers out of the Temple. But the perpetual and uniform mildness of the character shown is doubtless due in large part to the scenario—written, I observe, by one Jennie Macpherson. Within the bounds of his materials he is good—and to say a man is good in this part is no small tribute. He does leave behind him the impression of a really beautiful presence, of sinlessness, of a wisdom, patience and charity more than human: he does pass through all these scenes with complete consistency and dignity. Hollywood, also (though I have not seen the parts which were cut out before the film came here), has been at every pains to divest itself of its usual vulgarity. A great deal of play has been made in the papers about the early episode of Mary Magdalene, preposterously introduced as a fashionable demi-mondaine driving a chariot drawn by zebras. That is sheer vulgar sensationalism; but there is not much of it elsewhere.

All parties have done their best; the trouble is that Hollywood's best is nothing like good enough. On the positive side there are plenty of errors in detail. The producer did not realise that tricks which may be useful in presenting ordinary stories are not necessary here. There is a silly procession of shadowy Deadly Sins who tempt the Magdalene. There is a Jackie Coogan child who haunts the scenes. When Judas is paid thirty pieces of silver, we see the coins several times dropping from the priest's hands to the table; at a distance, then close up, then at a distance again. When the woman taken in adultery is about to be stoned, all the emphasis is laid on the stones. A Jew, close up, passes half a brick to another Jew, so that we can be quite certain that stoning is contemplated. Then, in series, sinner after sinner drops his stone; then, finally, we are given a picture of all the unused stones lying about on the ground. This sort of thing is not merely superfluous, but throws the whole film out of proportion.

The ordinary method of rapid change, with constant snapshots and captions, should, again, have been completely abandoned. The scenes should have been more projected, and more of them should have been "held." We are seldom allowed to pause and contemplate what we would wish to contemplate—though if we were, as things stand at Covent Garden, the conductor and his band would be whanging out "Lead Kindly Light" or "Rock of Ages." But a film on this theme cannot be criticised by ordinary standards, nor can our verdict on it be seriously affected by our opinion of details as details. There are undoubtedly very effective details as well as the other kind; the Bible scenes are especially good, for instance. But a screened Gospel must be judged in the light of the best that one can conceive possible; and in that light "The King of Kings" lamentably fails.

The intention is good; the photography is good; there is merely a complete absence of intellect, imagination, dramatic sense, and religious awe. How complete this absence is I perceived at the end, when I realised that I had frequently been moved by those captions which were Gospel texts, and hardly moved at all by the pictures. And the chief reason is that these do not come from any shaping soul of imagination. The best of them command our admiration by their technical cleverness and derivative beauty. But when this story is filmed, as it should be, we shall not, at critical moments, be saying to ourselves, "How marvellously like Leonardo—or Correggio—or a silver-and-ebony crucifix—or the old religious pictures in 'The Quiver'!" The producer will either give us a very long picture of the whole narrative or a Passion play: he will use few captions or none; he will not telescope the life as a prelude to the Passion. If he takes us to Gethsemane at all, he will not flicker us through it in a minute; and he will not translate the Temptation to Jerusalem and the last days, thereby showing a total inability to comprehend the outline of Christ's ministry. And, above all, he will be inspired to make new pictures, not to copy old ones, making a series of very superior Christmas cards.

Artistic representations of religious stories, to be impressive, must either be the naive work of simple believers or the strongly imagined re-creations of genius. The simplicity of Hollywood is not the right kind of simplicity; and if a man of poetic genius went there, they would not know what to do with him.

Some eminent persons have applauded this film. I think they must have been agreeably surprised at not being shocked, and experienced an emotion of which they did not know the source.

Professor Theremin's addition to the ordinary apparatus consists of an antenna and a loop. By approaching the right hand to the loop he raises or lowers the pitch, as anyone can do with his wireless set, though not everyone has thought it worth while to practise the minute inflections of the hand necessary to define the note. By approaching the left hand to the loop he alters the volume from a deafening noise at one end of the scale to silence at the other. This application is new, and his own invention.

MUSICAL POINT.

ORCHESTRAL POSSIBILITIES

The sound, that of a fiddle-string on a powerful resonator, has two defects, one remediable, the other probably not. The intonation depends on a very accurate movement of the hand in space, and this needs much more careful adjustment before pleasure can be had from the performance. Also, there is no attack of the note; it begins and ends with a glissando. Though this defect was ingeniously minimised by reducing the volume at both ends of the note, the real remedy lies in a difficult and elaborate calculation of "transients."

As the exhibitor only just arrived from Paris there had not been time to set up all the apparatus. We understood from Mr. Edwin Evans, who acted as interpreter, that there is more to be heard when Mr. Cochran shows the instrument at the Albert Hall.

It is possible to combine manipulators into all orchestra by the use of different sets of antennae, without duplicating the rest of the machinery—presumably by dotting them about the hall so as not to interfere with each other. It is possible also to produce different timbres, probably by adjustment of the valves or the use of different loud-speakers. Mr. Theremin is only showing his instrument, we must remember; he does not claim to be a virtuoso.

The examples we heard ranged through an octave—say, from 50 to 600 vibrations. This range is produced by a varying number of "beats." Beats are puffs of air which result as the discrepancy, great or small, between two different oscillations. Two electric currents establish a rate, one of say, 1,000,000 oscillations, and another of 1,000,500 oscillations, and the introduction of the hand into the magnetic area reduces the latter rate (or increases the former) to the requisite amount.—A. H. F. S. in the "Observer."

CARUSO.

SINGER WHO HATED ROYAL
"COMMANDS."

London Ronald, the famous English composer-conductor, refers to Caruso in loving manner in his charming book, "Variations on a Personal Theme." "I met Caruso a day or two after he had made his debut at Covent Garden Theatre in 'Rigoletto,'" he said, "and we struck up a friendship which lasted to the end. He had the spirits of a boy. He loved a joke and was for ever drawing caricatures, for which he had a great talent. He was in enormous request during the season for concerts given at private houses and he would receive as much as four or five hundred guineas for singing at one of these functions. And how he hated doing it!"

But I think the things he dreaded most were the many "commands" he received to sing at court. Although King Edward and Queen Alexandra were the most gracious of sovereigns, Caruso suffered agonies of nerves when he had to sing before them, and he once told me that he would prefer to sing 'Othello' twice through in one evening than have to sing two songs at Court.

He came up to Blackpool to sing for me at one of the Sunday concerts, but he would only allow himself to be announced for one solo in the first half of the programme and one in the second half. He, however, arranged with his accompanist, and the result was a dozen songs—the first one and five encore numbers without bowing off, and on to 'the stage,' and the second one likewise. Wild horses would not have drawn another song. I remember him bowing at Blackpool with a big coat on, hat and stick in hand, and smoking a big cigar. The audience took the hint.

At the end he yearned for his own land, for his beloved Italy. No matter how long he remained on foreign shores, to her his allegiance never wavered—and when he fell ill, like a sick child calling for his mother, he asked to be taken back to his own country to die in her arms.

A VETERAN PIANIST.

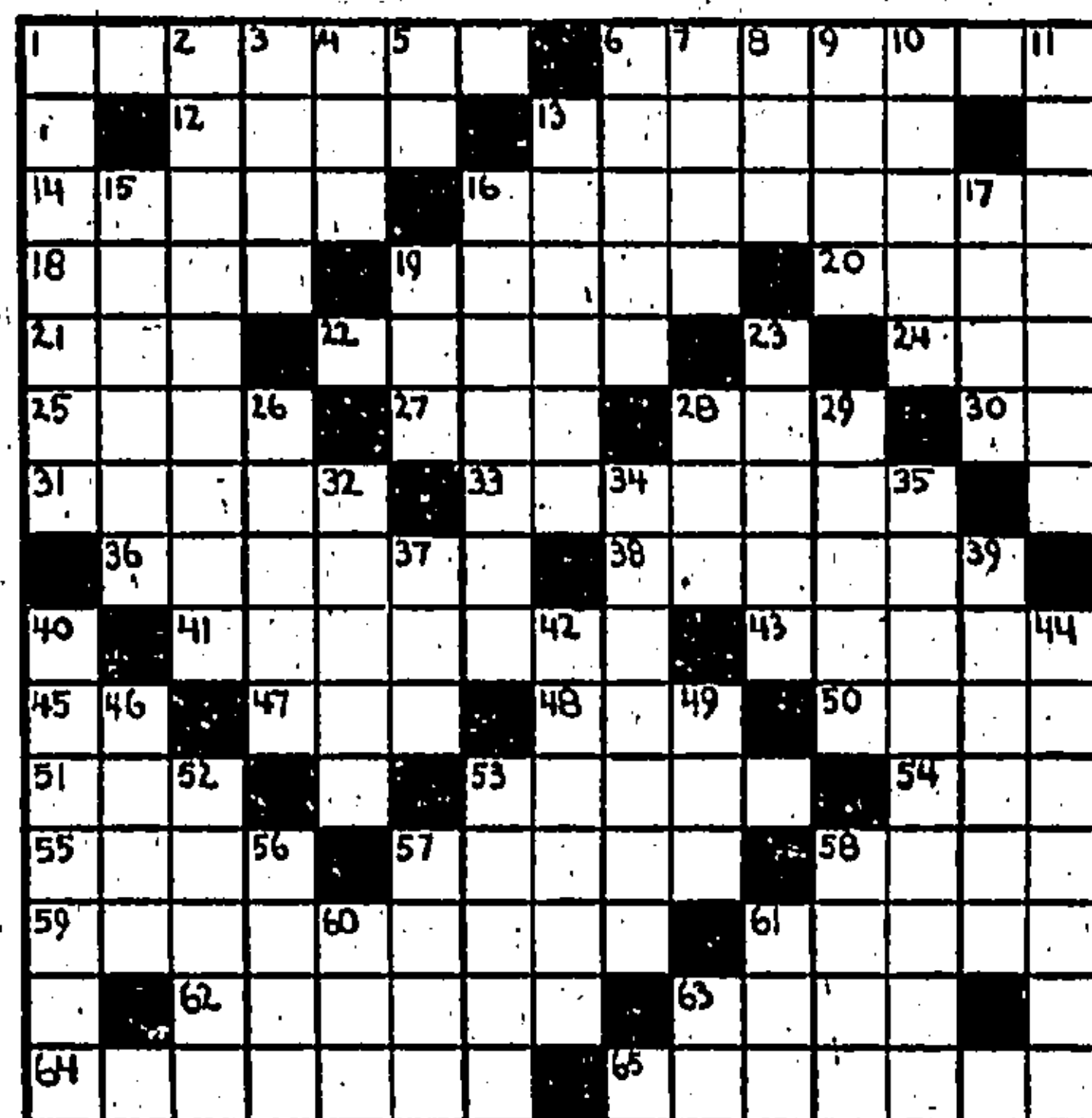
DE PACHMANN NEVER
CONSCIOUSLY POSED.

"I never consciously posed in my life," declared Valadimir de Pachmann the other day in replying to an accusation that he was a showman first and a musician afterwards. The veteran pianist, who is 79, is now touring Great Britain. "People come to hear my music, but they also like to hear me talk, because I can in that way explain the composer's thoughts. Often my audiences take me too seriously. I am not always Pachmann, the great musician and friend of Liszt and Wagner. Sometimes I am Pachmann the jester. I creep on to the platform and look at the great audience. 'What!' I exclaim. 'I have been playing in Britain for more than 40 years, and you still come to hear me? Marvellous!' Then I turn to the piano and give a start. 'A piano! What is that for? Surely you do not expect an old man like me to play? My fingers are stiff and I have not practised for six years!' The audience is laughing. I like to hear people laugh, and get angry if they do not respond. When they laugh I take them into my confidence and introduce them to Liszt, and Chopin, and Beethoven. When people laugh they forget to sit straight up in their seats, and become more human.

Music and Humour.
"Most people," says Pachmann, "think that music and humour cannot walk hand in hand. Why not? Wagner and many other giants delighted in a little musical horseplay. So sometimes when I play I am merry. I hold my right hand high on a rest, and when it seems too late strike the note just in time.

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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HORIZONTAL

- 1—Person of rank
- 2—Goes away
- 3—Flower
- 4—Marsh
- 5—Grush
- 6—Regard
- 7—Tooth
- 8—Finer
- 9—At the summit
- 10—Terminate
- 11—Heavate
- 12—Inebriate
- 13—Regrets
- 14—Seed covering
- 15—Woolen cap (Colloq.)
- 16—French article
- 17—Renders senseless
- 18—Moved backward
- 19—Amorous
- 20—Staggered
- 21—Magie
- 22—Deep lethargic sleep
- 23—Favory
- 24—Likely
- 25—Cognomen
- 26—Fixed
- 27—Man of enormous strength

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 28—Quick, sharp blow
- 29—Vehicle
- 30—Gun
- 31—Agitate
- 32—Destitute of organs
- 33—Fishing net
- 34—Products fermentation
- 35—Beheld
- 36—Wiped out
- 37—Debit entries
- 38—Overcomes
- 39—Splendor
- 40—Facial organ
- 41—Rescue from combustion
- 42—Topographical English (abbr.)
- 43—Delay
- 44—Always
- 45—Prefix meaning through
- 46—Extent of surface
- 47—Fisures
- 48—Royal mace
- 49—Withdraw

VERTICAL

- 1—Small unit of time
- 2—Dissolution of marriage contract
- 3—Lacking warmth
- 4—Short sleep
- 5—Tire
- 6—To investigate thoroughly (slang)
- 7—Golf term
- 8—Fruit of a vine
- 9—Remove covering
- 10—Secret
- 11—Taking leave
- 12—Refrigerate
- 13—Empire
- 14—Revoke
- 15—Dried fruit
- 16—Qual
- 17—Oldest member near (abbr.)
- 18—Drownish color
- 19—To fish, as for pike
- 20—Tinted
- 21—Woody plant
- 22—Prophet
- 23—Plat (slang)
- 24—Body of water
- 25—Shilling (abbr.)

SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES
Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. There will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn to still others. A letter belongs in each white space, word starting at the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.



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WATER SUPPLY.

Level and Storage of water in
Reservoirs on January 1, 1928:
CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER
WORKS LEVEL.

	1927	1928
Tytam	13' 8" B	12' 8" B
Tytam Bywash	25' 4" B	26' 6" B
Tytam Intermediate Level	12' 11" B	12' 6" B
Tytam Tuk	15' 2" B	15' 4" B
Wong Nei Chung	17' 11" B	19' 8" B
Pokfulum	13' 50"	13' 40"
(Note: B denotes "Below Overflow"; A denotes "Above Overflow")		

Storage in millions and decimals
of gallons.

	1927	1928
Tytam	278.72	285.76
Tytam Bywash	59	35
Tytam Intermediate	195.90	195.90
Tytam Tuk	1,121.75	928.08
Wong Nei Chung	13.50	23.40
Pokfulum	28.82	28.82

Total

Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of December.

	1927	1928
Consumption	244.29	271.58
Estimated population 407,020	417,940	
Consumption per head per day	19.3	20.9

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Supply was given from 1st to 31st December, 1927.

KOWLOON WATER WORKS
LEVEL.

	1927	1928
Kowloon Reservoir	7' 0" B	7' 4" B
Shek Lai Pui Reservoir	0' 7" B	1' 1" B
Reception Reservoir	3' 4" B	2' 8" B

Storage in millions and decimals
of gallons.

	1927	1928
Kowloon Reservoir	288.50	280.42
Shek Lai Pui Reservoir	88.40	96.87
Reception Reservoir	24.55	27.24

Total

Consumption of water in Kowloon in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of December.

	1927	1928
Consumption	74.89	103.189
Estimated population 158,140	168,189	
per day	15.8	17.5

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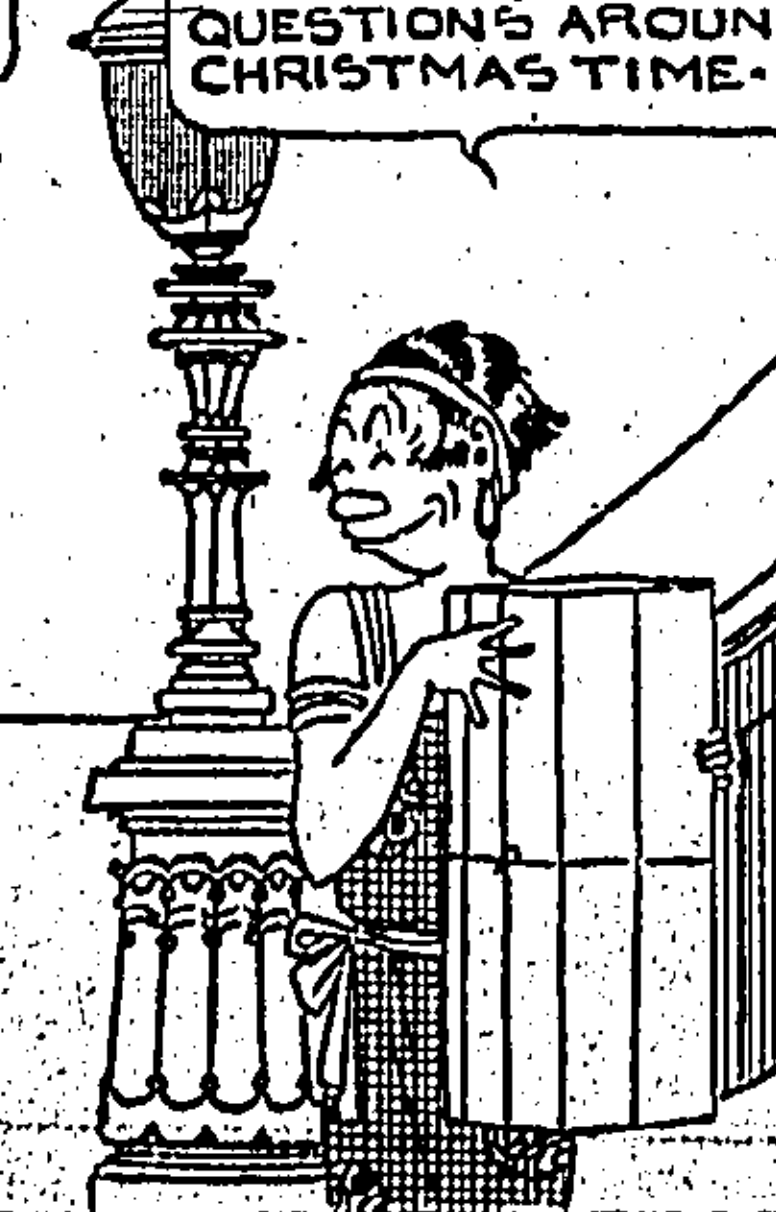
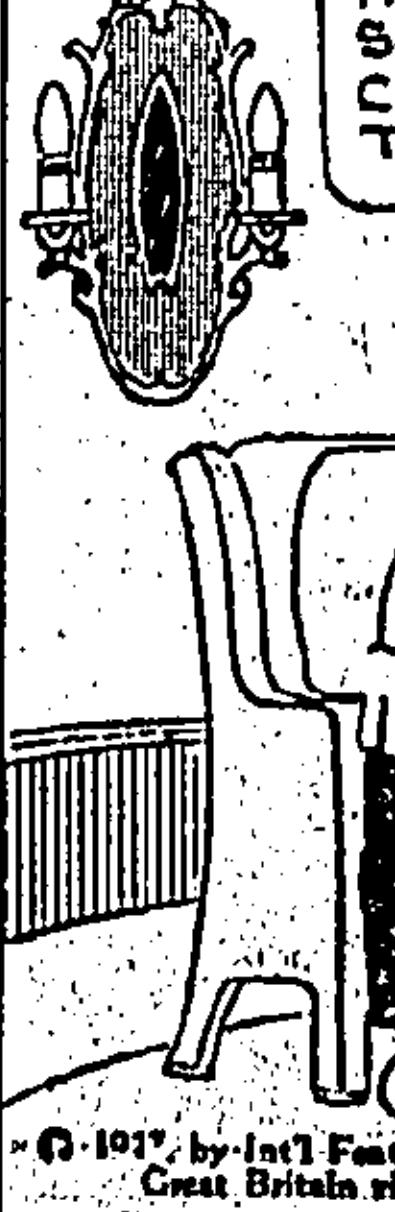
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SIR C. J. DUDGEON.

OLD CHINA HAND
PASSES.

"THE BRATS."

Word has reached Shanghai of the death on January 23, of Sir Charles John Dudgeon, who counted many Shanghai people among his friends and acquaintances. Death occurred in San Remo, the late Sir Charles and Lady Dudgeon having made their home in Italy since 1914.

Sir Charles Dudgeon was born in 1855, son of the late Patrick Dudgeon, of Cargen, Dumfries, and was educated at Repton, and College Hall, St. Andrew's University. In 1884 he married the daughter of the late Major-General W. C. O'Shaughnessy.

He came to Shanghai at a very early age, probably before he was 21, and joined the firm of McIntosh and Co. At that time he was extremely friendly with a Mr. Hewitt of the P. and O., and perhaps because of their precociousness, the two were known as "The Brats," a sobriquet which stuck to them for years after. Leaving McIntosh and Co., Mr. Dudgeon founded a firm of his own in company with another Scotsman, but after a short time this became defunct, and he joined Ibert and Co. Of this firm he ultimately became senior partner, being succeeded on his retirement by Mr. F. Anderson.

Volunteer, Fireman and Sportsman.

In the meantime he identified himself strongly with the life of the community. A keen paper hunter, he was always prominent in the field, although he never went in for racing. At the same time he was an enthusiastic volunteer, having joined "A" Co., soon after he arrived in Shanghai and about 1891, rose to the rank of captain. Among those who served under him in those days was Mr. Leslie J. Cubitt, while he was succeeded in the command of the company by the late Mr. W. D. Little. It is recorded that he was an enormous worker, but both in office and in all else that he did, kept everything in his own hands. The result was that his subordinates had comparatively easy time, while the future Sir Charles Dudgeon worked day and night in his office on business or on public matters. In connection with his activities noted above, it should also be remembered that he served in the Fire Brigade, being a member of Victoria Co., No. 7; was President of St. Andrew's Society, while in his earlier days in the port he was an enthusiastic rowing man, being one of a winning Scottish international four. Subsequently his favourite recreations were fishing, shooting and golf.

He was one of the pioneers of British cotton spinning in China, being instrumental in the foundation of the Laou Kung Mow cotton mill, at about the time the Ewo and Oriental mills were founded.

A Public Spirited Citizen.

An old resident who knew him well describes Sir Charles as one of the finest citizens that Shanghai ever possessed—one of the most public spirited men possible—and in view of this, it is rather surprising that he never served on the Municipal Council. Perhaps this was because he preferred the role of genial critic, but in this capacity he was always constructive. An instance of his work in this way may be taken from the case of Col. Mackenzie who, after the Wheelbarrow Riots, lost his position as Captain-Superintendent of Police and head of the Volunteers. At the annual Ratepayers' Meeting following this event, Sir Charles addressed the ratepayers and quoted from the municipal records numerous letters of appreciation from the Council, extolling his ability and the fine work he had done in these capacities. His point was fully appreciated by the ratepayers, and as a result, Col. Mackenzie was given a retiring allowance of £10,000. This was the work of a man who was in no sense a gifted public speaker, and it is interesting in this connection to know that he always prepared his speeches carefully beforehand and memorized them.

The Mackay Treaty.

In 1901 he was appointed Assistant-British Commissioner for the Revision of Commercial Treaties with China, and it was as a result of his signal services in this connection that he was created a knight in 1903. The treaty in particular with which the late Sir Charles has been identified, was that negotiated by Sir James Macdonald (now Lord Inchcape), Commissioner, which was concluded on September 5, 1902, and represented an endeavour to deal with a matter of the utmost commercial concern, like.

Leaving Shanghai in 1904, Sir Charles continued to take a very keen interest in China, with reference to the affairs of which he was very conversant, and he did a vast amount of work for the benefit of those trading here through the China Association, of which he became chairman in 1911. Latterly he had not been in the best of health, and was, in fact, paralysed for a number of years, and had resided principally in Italy. He is survived by his widow and one daughter who is now the Marchesa Clair Rappini di Castel Delfino.

On leaving Shanghai, Sir Charles presented to the Cathedral the reded which remains there to-day.

MYSTERY MAN.

DANE'S DEPORTATION
ORDERED.

FALSE STATEMENT.

Something of the record of the "mystery man," Bernhardt Carl Sturt Ververs, aged 24, a Dane, was related at Bow Street Police Court, when he appeared on remand charged with having made a false statement to a police officer making inquiries under the Aliens Order, 1920.

Ververs was detained by the police after having had luncheon with another man at the Savoy Hotel. He said he was employed at the Danish Legation and claimed diplomatic privilege. At the legation he confessed that the statements he had made were false.

Mr. Herbert Musket, for the police, now said that two days before his arrest Ververs made a telephone call to Copenhagen from Charing Cross post office. The charge was 11s., but he was unable to pay and left his passport as security. The passport showed that he came from Denmark on November 21. During his stay he had given an infinity of trouble.

When he was taken to the Danish Legation he stated that he had come at the instigation of a Russian Communist named Levinsky, whose address in Copenhagen he gave. His instructions, he said, were to collect all the information he could from naval and military authorities.

United Service Club.
He further stated that he had visited the United Service Club in Pall Mall to meet officers to obtain information, and that such information he communicated to Levinsky.

A great many persons with whom Ververs came in touch had been interviewed, but there was nothing which would justify the preferment of a charge of espionage. There was nothing which fairly satisfied the authorities that what he had said about himself or the purpose of his visit was true. It only showed the class of man he was.

Scotland Yard had been furnished with a good deal of information by the Danish police, which showed that Ververs was an habitual criminal, and was now wanted on a warrant granted at Copenhagen for obtaining money by fraud. He had been convicted in Denmark five times for theft and fraud.

Ververs was sentenced to one month's imprisonment with hard labour, and recommended for deportation.

A proposal to prohibit pillon riding on motor cycles in certain parts of Stoke-on-Trent is contained in a Bill to be promoted in the next session of Parliament.

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Straits	TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7	Kashima Maru.
Australia & Manila	FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10	Tandu.
Manila	SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11	Pres. Madison.
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Swatow	SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26	Kwai Sang 5 p.m.

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

FRANCE & OTHERS.

Mr. Briand On Foreign
Policy.

GERMAN QUESTIONS.

How Evacuation Of Rhineland May
Be Hastened.

Paris, Yesterday.
Two long-awaited ministerial
statements were made simultane-
ously to-night.
M. Poincare, in the Chamber,
dealt with the measures adopted to
balance the budget and organise
debt redemption which had result-
ed in a world-wide return of con-
fidence on French national finances.
The floating debt had been reduced
by over seven milliard francs.
He added that both foreign and
domestic credits had become abun-
dant and cited improvements like
the reduction in the discount rate
and the de facto stabilisation of ex-
change. He concluded by stating
that the Banque de France now
dominated the exchange market.
M. Briand in the Senate reviewed
foreign affairs and welcomed a
dialogue across the frontier with
Herr Stresemann as leading to deci-
sive explanations whereby mis-
understandings would be disap-
peared.

The Locarno pact contained, he
said, both mystical and practical
elements which had to be recon-
ciled, but Herr Stresemann was
wandering amidst the olive groves
of Locarno and had a tendency to
hold out his hand to receive rather
than to give.

Germany must realise that the
two countries were bound to meet
with difficulties before reaching a
healthy understanding.
M. Briand added that Locarno
was not yet a conjurer's hat from
which one could produce anything
and declared that the evacuation of
the Rhineland was not a question
for France alone to decide. He
recalled what he told Herr Stre-
semann at Thoiry: "If you want to
hasten evacuation you must carry
out disarmament and consider how
to advance the reparations pay-
ment."

M. Briand opposed the rupture
of relations with the Soviets but
demanded diplomatic corditude.
He anticipated the disappearance
of the last obstacle to Franco-
Italian friendship and finally pro-
phesied that 1928 would not close
without the grave questions of war
debts and reparations being settled
in such a way as to consolidate
hopes of a general peace.
The Senate voted by a show of
hands on the motion approving
M. Briand's policy.—Reuter.

LATE EARL HAIG.

(Continued from Page 1.)

In Family Vault.

London, Yesterday.
It is announced to-day that the
remains of Earl Haig will be inter-
red in the family vault at Dryburgh
Abbey in Scotland on Tuesday.
Dryburgh Abbey is near Bonnyrigg
House, the late Field Marshal's
home. The vault of Haig's is next
to the burial place of Sir Walter
Scott. After the funeral service
in Westminster Abbey to-
morrow the coffin will be en-
trained for Edinburgh. Arriv-
ing in the Scottish capital about
midnight, it will be received by Gen-
eral Sir William Peyton, General
Officer Commanding Scotland, and
his Staff. Two squadrons of Scots
Greys and the Pipe Band of the
Cameron Highlanders will be in
attendance. Members of the Brit-
ish Legion will bear the coffin to a
gun-carriage and proceeding on will
march through the City to Saint
Giles Cathedral, where the body will
lie in state until Monday, when it
will be conveyed to Dryburgh
Abbey.

It is announced by the War Office
that Field Marshal Sir William
Robertson has been forbidden by his
doctor to act as Pall bearer at the
Westminster Service and that his
place will be taken by General Lord
Cavan.

Army Order.

The following army order was
issued to-day: "The Army
Council on the melancholy occasion
of the death of Field Marshal Earl
Haig desire to place on record their
sense of the heavy loss which the
Army and Empire have sustained.
The late Field Marshal had already
served in many campaigns with
great distinction and had held high
appointments where he had had
opportunities of training troops
whom he subsequently commanded
in the great war. As Commander-
in-Chief of the British Expedition-
ary Force in France and Flanders
he bore through four long years the

HOURS OF LABOUR.

New British Policy
Outlined.

FRANCE DISAPPOINTED.

The Washington Eight-Hour
Convention.

Geneva, Yesterday.
The new British policy towards
the Washington Eight-hour con-
vention was outlined by Mr.
Betterson, the British Govern-
ment delegate to the governing
body of the International Labour
Office. He declared that the most
serious difficulties which hindered
the carrying out of the conven-
tion, which had been concluded
hurriedly and without sufficient
experience, was the question of
the reduction of hours of labour.
Consequently Britain thought it
more important to revise the
constitution instead of adhering
to the present wording proposed
by the governing body and to in-
clude the revision in the conven-
tion agenda for the conference of
1929.

In the meantime the Labour
Office would prepare a report for
submission at the April session,
after which it would be circulated
to all states for opinions.

The workers' delegates strong-
ly dissented.
M. Jouhaux (France) declared
he was bitterly disappointed and
pointed out that the Continental
delegates at Washington accepted
the British standpoint to avoid
difficulties and that the British
delegates accepted the third text
of the Convention.—Reuter.

For Next Session.
The British and French em-
ployers' delegates supported Mr.
Betterson.

The German Government dele-
gate proposed the postponement
of a decision until the April
session.

The meeting finally adopted the
suggestion of the French and
Belgian Government delegates to
institute a discussion regarding
procedure at the next session,
when the question will be discus-
ed as to whether the revision of
the Convention is to be placed on
the agenda for 1929.

Mr. Albert Thomas declared
the eight-hour day had been in-
troduced practically everywhere;
moreover, the British proposal
was premature since rules govern-
ing procedure must be formulated
before revision could be under-
taken.—Reuter.

The oil tanker "Mitra," 5,592 tons,
owned by the Anglo-Saxon Petro-
leum Company, bound for Gothen-
burg, went aground off the Skaw
(Denmark) in thick weather, but
was afterwards refloated.

Lord Merrivale, in the Divorce
Court, on Dec. 21, granted a decree
nisi to Lady Margaret Elizabeth
Gaunt, now living at Monaco, and
formerly of Gaunt's Wood, Leek
(Staffs) for the dissolution of her
marriage with Vice-Admiral Sir
Guy Reginald Archer Gaunt on the
grounds of his adultery with Lady
Margery Barber Cruise, formerly
the wife of Sir Richard Cruise, at
an hotel at Vancouver, British
Columbia.

Lt.-Com. Garvey, Mrs. H. Mac-
Kenzie, the Rev. A. Faust, Dr. F.
Nield, Mr. H. Henricksen, Mr. Mar-
shall, Mr. Beatty, Mr. and Mrs.
Breally, the Duchess de Leuchberg
and Professor Moquillowski were
among the passengers who arrived
at Hong Kong from Shanghai to-
day by the P. and O. s.s. "Malwa."
Dr. A. Popp and Captain L. Wil-
braham are through passengers
from Shanghai to Colombo. Among
the Shanghai passengers bound
from Shanghai to London are Com-
mander B. Wetnam, the Rev. E.
Rigden, Lt.-Com. Seaman, Captain
and Mrs. Palmer-Baker, and Dr.
and Mrs. Gauntlett.

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health and lives in the service of
the King. He has left to the army
an imperishable memory and to the
Empire a glorious example.—British
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HIGH TREASON.

Sensational Trial In
Leipzig.

THE ZINOVIEFF LETTER.

Ex-Convict Who Sold Forged
Documents To Foreign Powers.

Leipzig, Yesterday.
A sensational high treason trial
in which the notorious Zinovieff
letter was given prominence, ended
in the Supreme Court when the ex-
convict Anton Schreck was sen-
tenced to five years' penal servitude
"for the repeated crime of the
forgery of documents and offences
against espionage laws."

Schreck was charged with selling
to Poland and France forged mili-
tary documents which hampered the
negotiations of the Locarno peace
conference when presented as a
proof of German insincerity.

The German pacifist Karl
Mortens, who went to Leipzig from
Geneva on safe-conduct, as there
was a warrant out against
him on a treason charge, giving
evidence at the trial, said
it was rumoured in Geneva that
the Zinovieff letter was forged
at No. 1 Anhaltstrasse, Berlin,
which turned out to be the house
in which Schreck lived.

The Public Prosecutor said it
was evident that very dangerous
things went on in the "dark room"
of No. 1 Anhaltstrasse.

Two other accused, Hermann
Koch and H. Schulz, were sen-
tenced, the former for attempted
high treason to 22 months' penal
servitude and a fine of 100 marks,
and the latter for perjury to four
and a half months' imprisonment.
—Reuter.

MARCH STOLEN?

(Continued from Page 1.)

tions for spot business are 3800
and for forward business between
4,000 and 5,000 Fengpiao to 100
yen.—Reuter.

Note: "Feng" is the abbrevia-
tion for Fengtien, a province in
Manchuria whence Marshal
Chang Tso-lin rose to fame;
"piao" means "bond" or "note."
In other words, the Fengpiao is
the paper money used in Man-
churia by the present Peking Gov-
ernment.)

POLITICAL MOTIVE?

Former Anhui General Shot In
Shanghai.

In view of the allegation of
Northern plots against the Na-
tionalists at Shanghai, the follow-
ing will be of interest:—

Shanghai, Jan. 27.
A former commander in the
Anhui army, now resident in
Shanghai, was the subject of an
attack by political assassins yes-
terday morning when four armed
men entered his home at No. 1463
Hart Road and fired six shots at
him.

Identity Unknown.
His name is Hsu Shu-dong and
political trouble is believed to be
behind the attack. All of the six
shots struck him and he was
taken to Paulun Hospital in a
serious condition.

The armed men, whose identity
is unknown, shot their man down
shortly after he had left his bed.
The men escaped but detectives
from Bubbling Well police station
are handling the case and expect
to make arrests.—"Shanghai
Times."

U.S. FLEET.

"Unless Matters in China Are
Serious."

The U. S. S. "Pittsburgh," flag-
ship of the (American) Asiatic
Fleet, will remain in Philippine
waters for the next two months.
Admiral Mark L. Bristol, com-
mander-in-chief of the United
States Navy in Far Eastern
waters, told representatives of
the Press during an interview last
week.

"Unless matters in China sud-
denly become more serious, I plan
remaining here for two months at
least," Admiral Bristol said. "Of
course, it is hard to tell what will
happen and it may be necessary
to leave on much shorter notice."

Mr. W. H. Steele, C.B.E., of the
Chinese Government Railways,
who has been on a visit to his
dieter, Mrs. A. E. M. Howard, left
Shanghai on the str. "Kaiping"
for the North, accompanied by Mrs.
Steele.



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